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PARTY SPLIT.

TWO KUOMINTANG Factions.

LEADER'S VIEWS

In view of the split in the Kuomintang party, which is the largest political organization in China, the general public is deeply interested in current developments, for it is realized that a permanent split would have important effects in this transitory period of the development of government. The public has been informed that the platform of the right section is the total elimination of all Communistic elements, but the position of the left section is not at all clear. The following views on the situation, by Mr. Wong Ching-wai, the leader of the left section, indicates, however, that there are hopes of a reconciliation between the opposing factions.

Mr. Wang says that the present situation of the Kuomintang is very unsatisfactory indeed, and sooner or later the question must be settled. Since the introduction of Communists into the Kuomintang, the Party has grown in strength, but in the long run, friction between the old members and Communistic elements was bound to occur. The old and new cannot work hand in hand on an equal footing. "My own views regarding the action of the right wing of the Party are not antagonistic, but what I object to is the unconstitutional way by which the result was brought about." He says the recent meeting held at Si Shan did not have the required quorum, and, further, the power to split the Party rests with the entire members of the Party, or with the Executive Committee. On these grounds the members of the Kuomintang cannot but oppose the decisions arrived at by a few members of the Executive Committee at the Si Shan meeting.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

NO CHANGE OF ATTITUDE.

London, Dec. 21.

That an early change of the British attitude towards Russia is unlikely was indicated at question time in the House of Commons, when Mr. Baldwin declared a request to appoint a committee on Anglo-Russian economic relations, in the absence of any indication on the part of the Soviets regarding the extent to which, and the manner in which, they were prepared to deal with the British claims.

Another questioner drew attention to the speech of M. Rykoff, offering to abolish the Soviet army provided disarmament were generally carried out, and asked whether the Government were willing to participate in a conference in which Russia would be represented.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said he had no official knowledge of M. Rykoff's proposal; therefore the second part of the question did not arise. He pointed out that the League of Nations had invited the Soviets to participate in its discussions of conference.—Reuter.

MURDER CHARGE.

TRIAL CONTINUED TO-DAY.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), the hearing was resumed at the Criminal Sessions this morning, of the case in which Shing Wai-tak was charged with the murder of an Indian constable, following an encounter between a police picket and a party of firewood-hunters at Ngau Shi Wan, in the Kowloon City district, on July 8th last.

Mr. Esley Zeily (instructed by Mr. G. K. Braddon Hall) was for the defence, while the case for the Crown was in the hands of the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.

Usuf Khan, a Police Sergeant, who was with the deceased at the time of the shooting, was cross-examined at great length, and his Lordship once had occasion to administer a rebuke when counsel for the defence took upon himself the direction of the witness. Mr. Zeily had several times directed the witness to turn to his Lordship when giving an answer to what he (Mr. Zeily) considered to be an important question. His Lordship observed:—"There is no need why you should tell him what he has got to do. I can tell him if I want to."

In the course of further examination, witness brought out his note book. Mr. Zeily asked if he could look through it; to which witness objected, stating that there were certain matters of confidence in it. Eventually, on being questioned in respect of certain entries he made of the circumstances of the shooting, he admitted that some of these were not in his handwriting. The case is proceeding.

HARBOUR DUCKING.

MOTOR CYCLISTS' FOOLISH STUNT.

Three Chinese youths, who were apparently of the opinion that a motor-cycle formed a suitable subject for experiment, were unfortunate in that they chose Connaught Road Central as the scene of their acrobatic display, and as a result they were the recipients of a somewhat unexpected ducking.

Trick cycling was their special forte, all three being on the machine at the one time, and their graceful and highly skilful somersault into the cold depths would be difficult to surpass.

It is not exactly clear from the evidence whether the stunt was contemplated or otherwise, but the machine was seen to suddenly swerve to the right and the passengers did the only graceful thing and fell soft. They were quickly fished out with boat-hooks and later the motor-cycle was also recovered.

KOWLOON SHOOTING.

TWO HOUSEBOYS SENTENCED.

In the case in which two houseboys in the employ of Captain Joll, of Kowloon, were charged with possession of an automatic pistol which they had stolen from their employer, sentence of nine months was passed by the Puisne Judge on each of the prisoners when they came up to be sentenced at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The evidence was to the effect that they were involved in an encounter at Chatham Road with Police Sergeant R. J. Clark during which it was alleged that one of the accused used the revolver by firing a shot at the officer. On this count the man concerned was discharged, but, with his companion, he was found guilty on the indictment for possession of arms, being sentenced as stated.

IRAQ DEBATE.

LABOUR M. P.'S LEAVE PARLIAMENT.

PREMIER ADAMANT.

London, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin declined a request by Mr. J. R. Clynes to remove from the Order Paper a motion in Mr. Baldwin's name that the House approves of the action of British representatives at Geneva in accepting the award of the council of the League of Nations on the Iraq boundary. Mr. Clynes said the procedure amounted to undue coercion of the House and when the motion was reached he would ask the Labour members to leave and participate in the discussion as a protest.

Mr. Clynes said that Mr. Baldwin's motion dealt with an international issue of the utmost importance, and the House, depleted towards the close of a session, was to be asked to commit itself to most serious commitments on behalf of Britain. No opportunity had been given to the Opposition.

He asked Mr. Baldwin to permit a discussion of Iraq by moving the adjournment without passing the motion on a division.

Mr. Baldwin agreed regarding the importance of the motion, but regretted its necessity. He added that as the matter was only submitted to the House on the last day of the session he would take the unusual course, when it re-assembled, of submitting the new Treaty and asking the House to accept or reject it. While he was anxious to meet the desire of the Leader of the Opposition, he was unable to remove the motion from the paper.

Mr. Clynes then made his announcement of withdrawing the Labour members from the House.—Reuter.

PARLIAMENTARY TACTICS.

Later.

Following Mr. Clynes protest the House of Commons considered 142 Lords' amendments to the rating Bill, and the Labour Member, Mr. Neil MacLean said he would speak on every amendment and on every one of the five Bills down for today, challenging a division on each occasion and so keep the House engaged till eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, the time fixed for the prorogation. Mr. MacLean did not think that the Iraq debate would be reached to-day at all.

Subsequently a motion was carried, adjourning the discussion on the Rating Bill and other Bills until to-morrow.

Later.

Labour members walked out of the House as a protest against Mr. Baldwin's refusal to permit the Iraq Question to be discussed on a motion for the adjournment without involving a division.

The Labour members' departure from the House of Commons was followed by a further vain attempt by the Labourites to induce the Premier to alter his position.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S POLICY OUTLINED.

In the course of his speech in the Mosul debate, Mr. Stanley Baldwin declared that the Government was only too anxious for Iraq to live in relations of neighbourly amity and co-operation with Turkey. He was inviting the Turkish Ambassador to meet him to-morrow and pursue the question of trying to find ways and means, consistently with Britain's obligations to Iraq, of arriving at an agreement which would provide, on the basis of the League's recognition of Iraq's just claims to her territory, the superstructure of a mutual and binding settlement.—(Closers). The support of the United Kingdom was necessary.

JUNK PIRATED.

MAGISTRATE'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

A report comes to hand stating that whilst a newly-appointed Magistrate was on his way from Shao Kwan to Lok Chang to assume his duty, a piracy was committed on the junk conveying the luggage of the magistrate and his staff, with the result that all the baggage and other belongings were seized by the pirates and thirty persons kidnapped, mostly guards and servants.

The Lieutenant in charge of the guards later returned to Shao Kwan, having made good his escape while being led by the robbers to their den. He reported the affair to the local authorities. As it so happened, the pirated junk was sent ahead with the luggage, while the magistrate and his staff proceeded later by another boat, thus eluding the pirates.

Pealed for the cessation of the vehement agitation which consistently misrepresented the Government policy and which was calculated outside Britain to create doubt with regard to the Government's resolution to honour its obligations and the sincerity of its desire for peace.

In moving the Mosul motion, Mr. Baldwin made a statement on British policy in Iraq. He said that the undertaking the Government had given was not for a definite twenty-five years but for what he believed would be a far shorter period; namely, until Iraq had acquired a stability justifying his admission to the League of Nations. It was not an undertaking to spend money on or keep troops in Iraq, but to continue co-operation and advice in maintaining a stable system of Government. If after the expiration of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty in 1928 a foreign power attacked Iraq with a view of forcibly overthrowing the boundary fixed by the Council of the League, then the responsibility of the League would be primary and dominant, and our responsibility would necessarily depend on the then existing circumstances of world peace and the general condition of the Empire.—Reuter.

ITESTING TURKISH TERMS.

In the course of the subsequent debate Commander Keaworthy said that he understood that the Turks were prepared to submit to the following terms, on which he urged the Government to negotiate; namely, that Iraq should have that part of the Mosul Vilayet necessary for irrigation purposes, that a demilitarized zone should be established on either side of the frontier and Iraq. The Turks would guarantee the perpetual independence of Iraq and come to terms with Britain with regard to the exploitation of oil, and the protection of the frontier.

Before Mr. C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. E. P. Fletcher, of the P.W.D. roads department, was engaged with driving a car at a dangerous speed on December 3rd. The defendant denied the charge.

Sergt. Baker said he was on duty at the junction of Garden Road, and Lower Albert Road, when he saw the defendant driving an "Austin 7." He was driving up Garden Road to the P.W.D. by the Tram Station. At that time there were two cars standing stationary, waiting for the policeman's signal to enable them to proceed up the hill.

There was another car going down the hill, and one travelling down Lower Albert Road. The defendant passed the two stationary cars, and turned into Lower Albert Road at a speed, witness estimated, at 20 miles per hour.

The defendant said he followed a taxi, which suddenly stalled and slowed down quickly as the gears were changed. He put out his hand and the constable indicated to him that he could continue up Garden Road. He did not agree that down traffic was free and up traffic was stopped, and he denied that he was travelling at 20 miles an hour.

Defendant added that he estimated the speed on his own judgment, and said that most cars went up there at about 15 miles an hour.

The Magistrate said at a busy corner like that, even fifteen miles an hour seemed too fast, and the defendant would be fined \$10.

LATER.

The House of Commons carried

M. Baldwin's Mosul motion by 239 to 4.

The announcement of the figures of the division were greeted by loud Ministerial laughter. The minority was composed of Liberals.

The Labour members were absent throughout the debate.—Reuter.

SOVIET SUPPORTS TURKEY.

Berlin, Dec. 21.

In the course of an interview, M. Chicherin supported the Turkish stand-point vis-a-vis the Mosul decision and stressed the dangers likely to arise.

He hoped that other Governments would use their

influence to bring Britain to a more

moderate attitude.

A Chinese motor driver was

charged with not having proper

control of his vehicle.

It was charged before Mr. E. Lindell

that he failed to report an accident

which occurred on December 12th.

It was stated that the defendant

had been driving a lorry

at 7.30 p.m. when the vehicle

ran on to the footpath, and injured

a Chinese.

The man was taken to the

Government Civil Hospital

the next day, and died on Decem-

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owing a fractured wound in the

spine.

The defendant said he asked the

injured man to accompany him to

the police station to make a report,

but he replied that he was only

slightly injured, and went away.

That was the reason why he did not

report the accident.

The case was adjourned for a

week for further inquiries to be

made.

UNREPORTED ACCIDENT.

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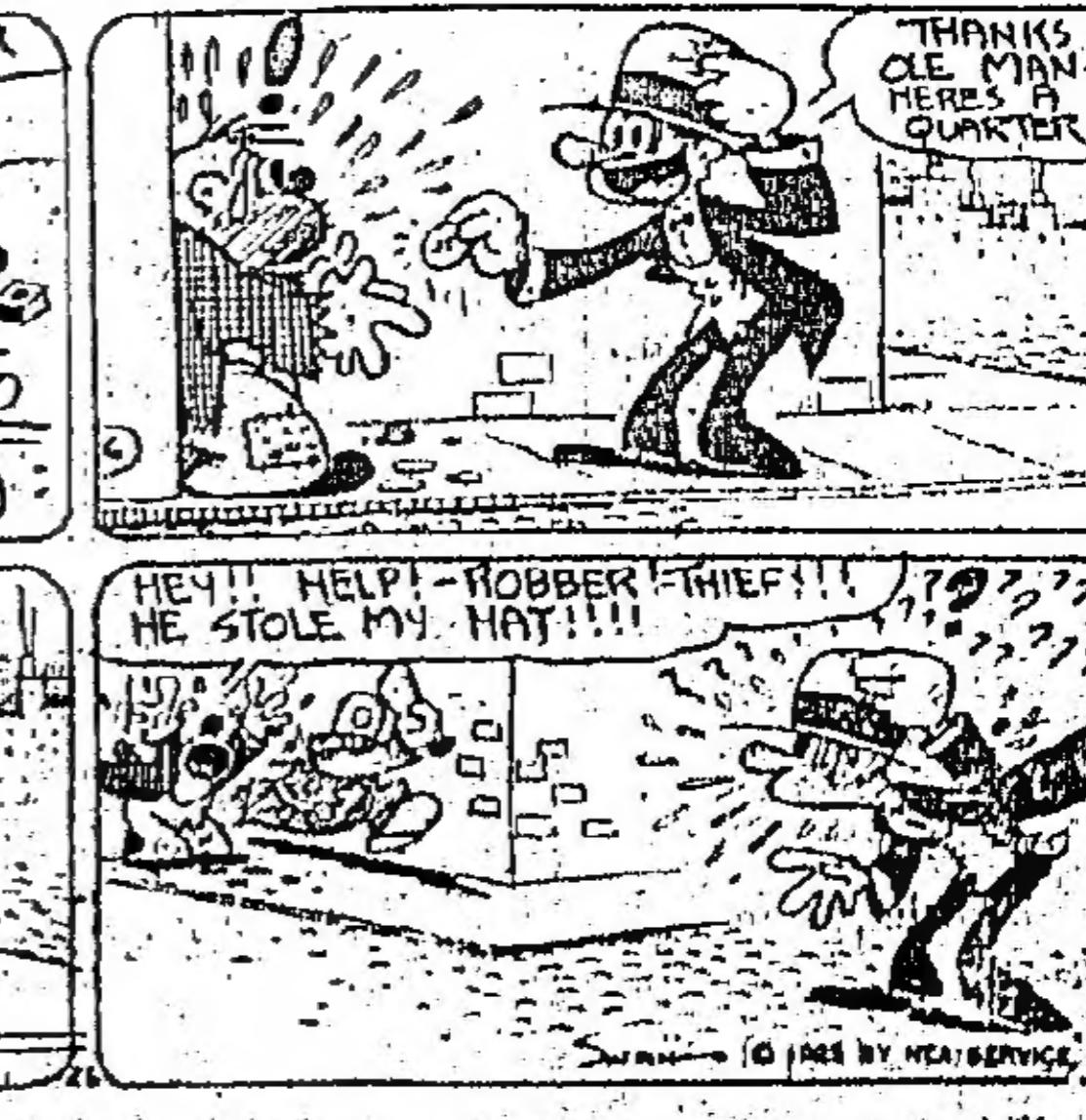
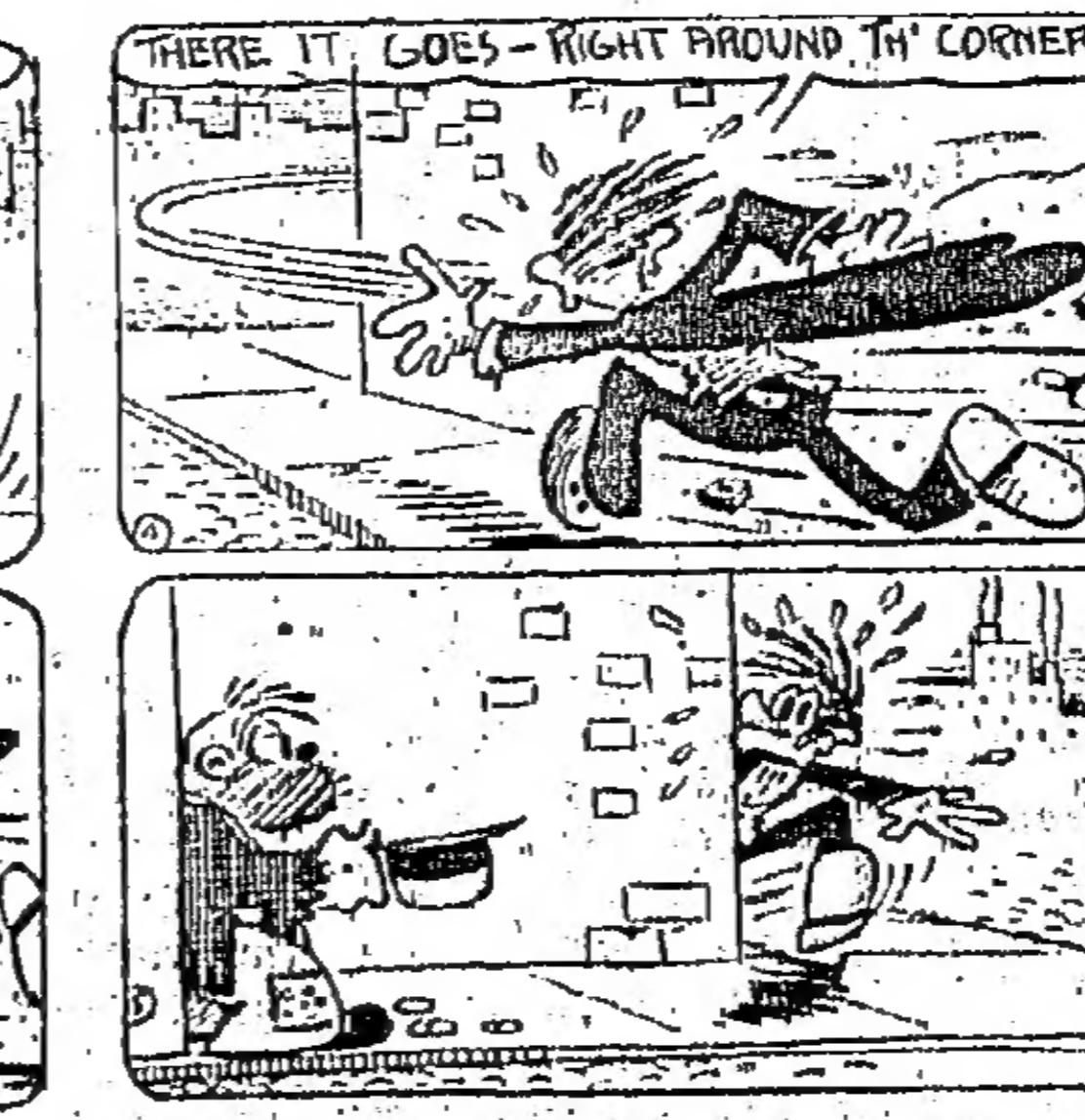
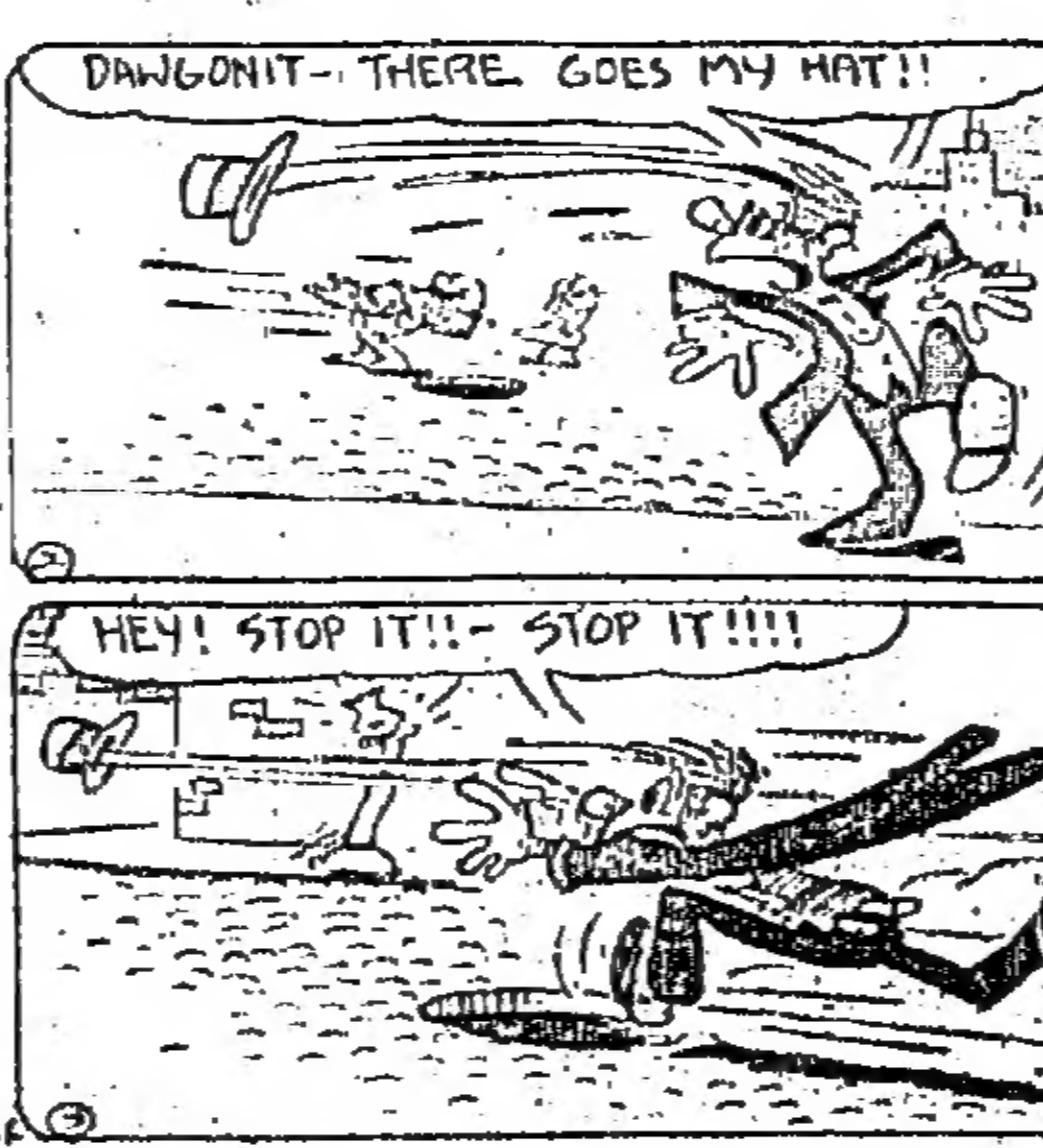
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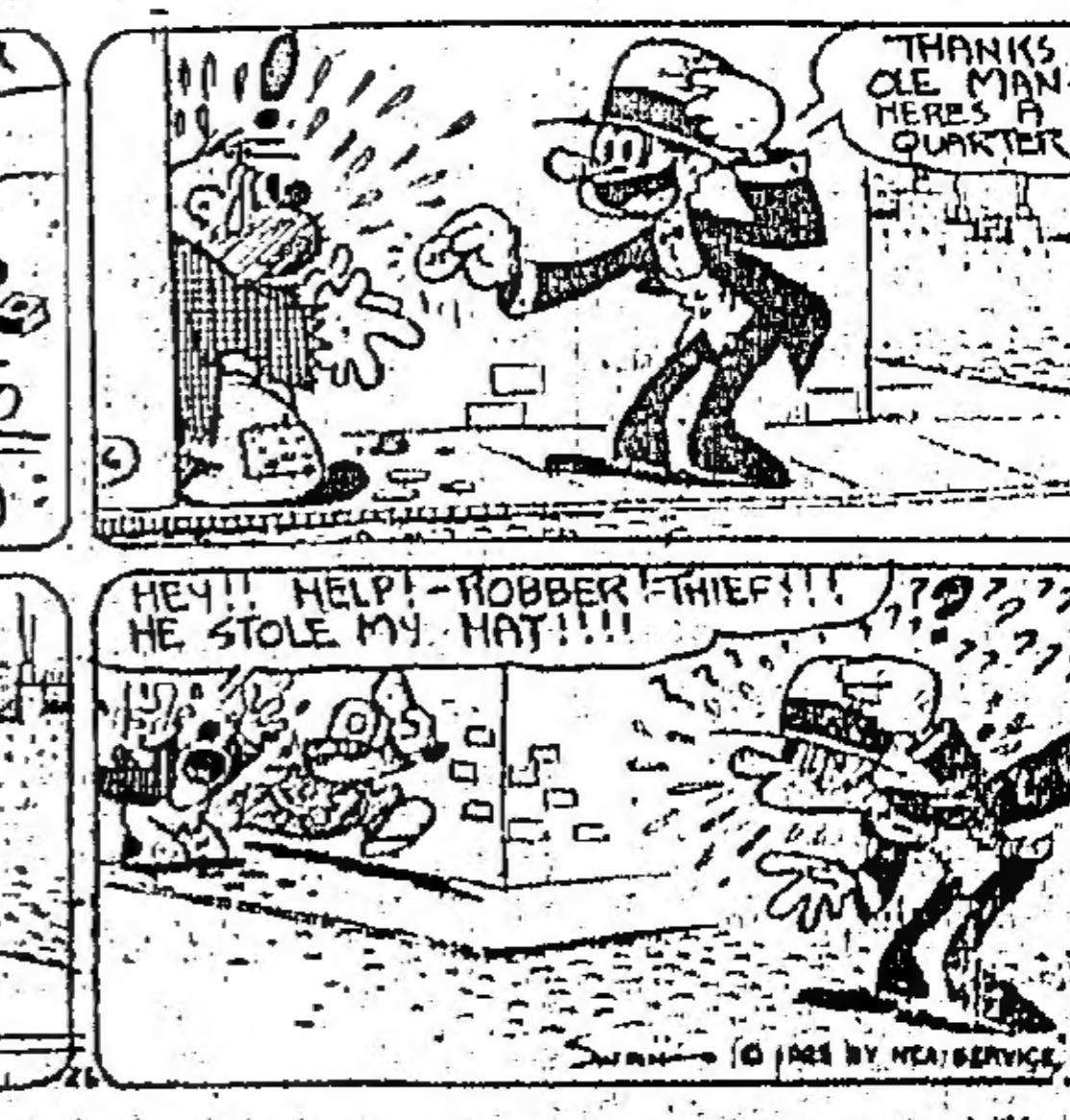
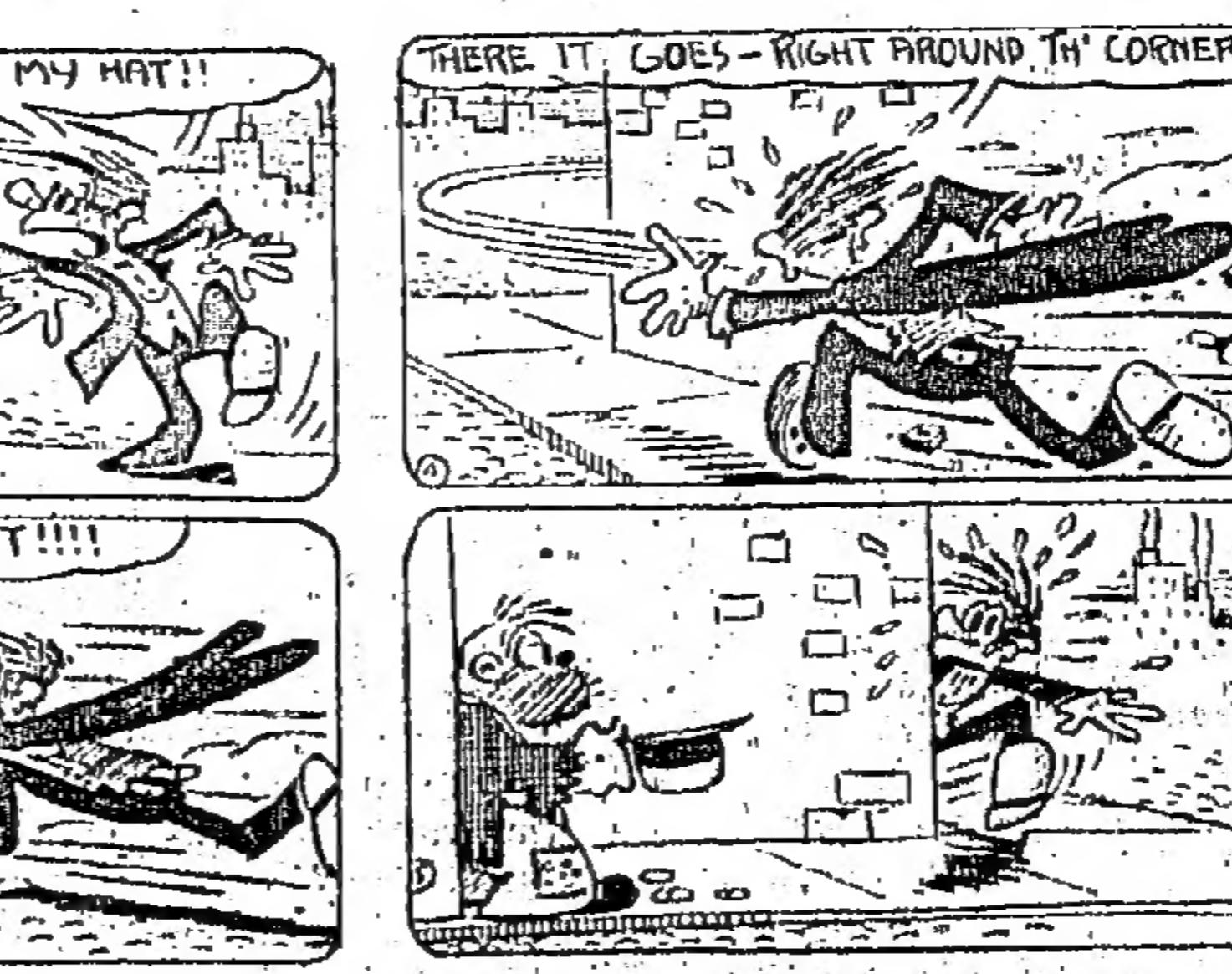
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PASSPORT STORY.

PERUVIAN CHARGED WITH OBTAINING MONEY.

Emigrant's Unhappy Experience.

A Peruvian was arrested near the Sincere Co. on Saturday and was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Major C. Wilson with obtaining \$710 from a Chinese. He was remanded for a week.

The charge concerns a passport which the man is stated to have sold to the complainant about twelve months ago. A sum of \$710 was paid for the passport which was supposed to be in order for the Chinese to travel to America.

It was arranged that a total sum of \$3,000 should be paid for the passport after the Chinese arrived at his destination. When he arrived in America, however, it was found that the document was made out for a Filipino, and the Chinese was sentenced to six months imprisonment for attempting to enter the States without a proper passport. He returned to Hongkong and when in Des Voeux Road on Saturday he saw the man who sold him the passport, and had him arrested.

Chinese Students Protest.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Yesterday Chinese students held a meeting protesting against Japan's action in reinforcing the Manchurian garrison and passed a resolution demanding withdrawal, after which they visited the Foreign Office and the War Office General Staff to present the resolution.—Reuter.

First Mail for Ten Days.

Peking, Dec. 21.

The first time in ten days that the mail reached Peking from Tientsin was this morning. It was brought by couriers, who bicycled most of the way, taking three days. It is hoped that the international train to Tientsin will go to-morrow or Monday, but no passengers, except those on official business, will be carried.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S FINANCE PROBLEM.

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

Paris, Dec. 21.

According to the papers, Doumer will balance the 1926 Budget by the exactment of additional taxes, recently voted, an increase of the price of tobacco, a turnover tax on exports and an increase of the turnover tax on interior sales, except food-stuffs. The new taxation will be but temporary. Stricter supervision of the income tax will permit later a reduction of the turnover tax.—Harris.

BAZAAR.

PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following are the winning numbers of the raffles in connection with the Bazaar of the Sisters of the Precious Blood:

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GOLF.

THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

Second Round Results.

The second round of the Governor's Shield was as follows: Bennett and Andrews (Johnson, Stokes and Master) beat Wodehouse and Bloxham (Police) by 4 and 3.

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Hugh Jones and Prior (Wilkinson and Gratt) beat Crapnell and Hooper (Wharves) 1 up.

Pendered and Butterfield (Asian Petroleum Co.) beat Watt and Reid (Chartered Bank) at 19th.

Ireland and Ironside (Butterfield and Swire) beat Mackenzie and Cornaby (Jardine Matheson Co.) 2 and 1.

Smith and Dodwell (Dodwell's) beat Jeffries and Evans (Observatory) 6 and 5.

Hearn and Gillingham (Naval Yard) beat Shelshear and Redmond (University) 3 and 1.

McLaren and Currie (Davie Bong's) beat Bennett and Sherry (Telephone) 6 and 5.

YACHTING.

FOURTH RACE IN LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The fourth Ladies' Championship race was sailed yesterday from the Yacht Club to Lyemun, then to Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock and finish at the Club, a distance of six and a half miles.

Four handicap boats started and finished at about 5 p.m. In the other classes, there were eight starters, some of whom arrived home very late. The wind was never very strong, and during the afternoon fell away. The boat's which kept in to Tai koo found the tide against them and very little wind, whereas those who kept to Channel Rocks got less tide and benefited thereby.

The details are as under:

Handicap Class.

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	H'cap	Time	Time
Lu Linda (1st)	4.10	4.51.34	4.47.24
Falcon (2nd)	5.12	4.54.59	4.49.46
Colleen (3rd)	5.43	5.00.30	4.54.46
Diana (4th)	1.92	5.01.35	5.00.32
Heyward Hays and Gels (5th)			
Bluenose (3rd)	1.33	5.23.10	5.21.36
Scalark (3rd)	1.33	5.43.45	5.42.01
Joan (2nd)	2.95	5.44.47	5.42.42
Adanac (1st)	1.33	5.44.35	5.43.01
Pierrette (2nd)	3.07	6.00.33	5.57.28
Thecla (2nd)	5.12	6.18.55	6.14.43

THE SYRIAN UNREST.

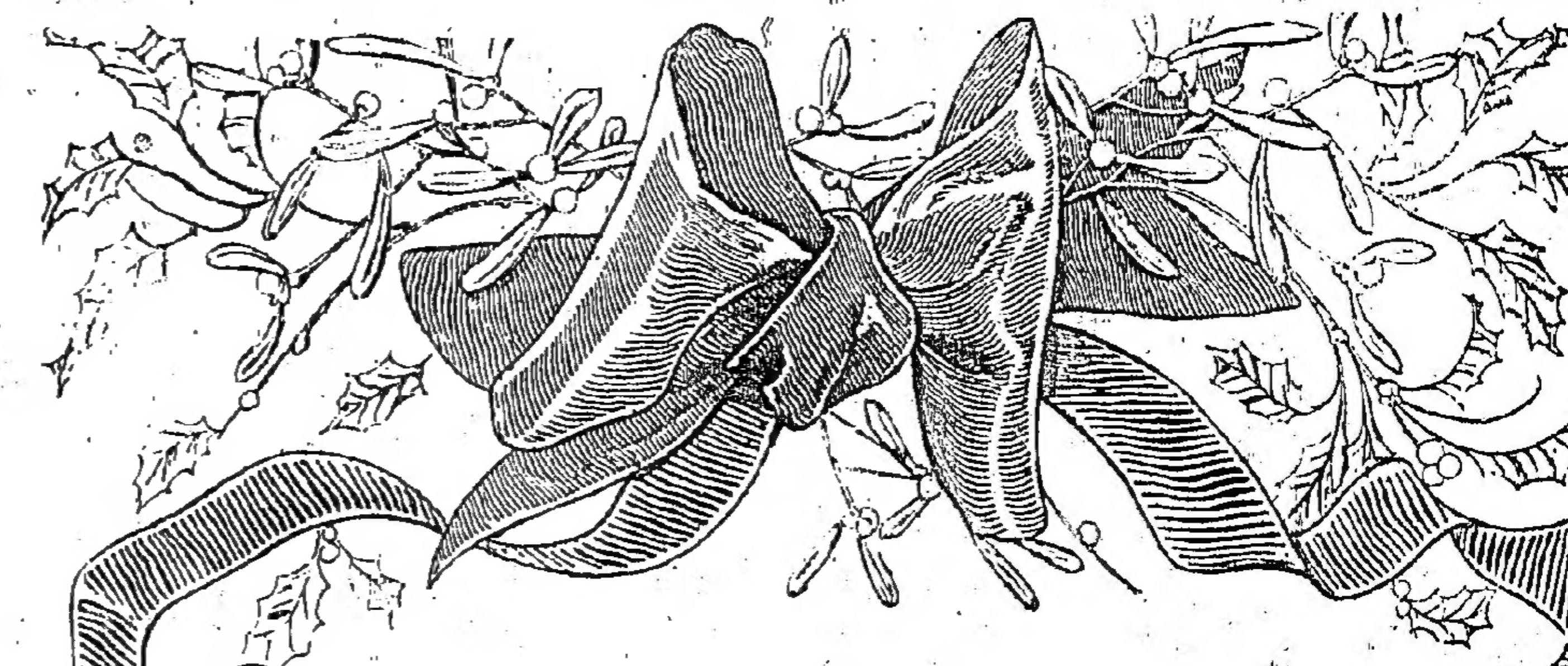
GENERAL SARRAIL DEFENDED.

Paris, Dec. 21.

The Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 300 to 29 has passed the first part of the Government's resolution on the Syrian debate, giving a vote of confidence in the Government, and by a vote of 420 to 35 passed the second part expressing its confidence that the Government will follow a policy of pacification and organise the Syrian mandate in accordance with the League of Nations, and approving the instructions given to M. de Jouvenel. It subsequently carried the whole resolution by a show of hands.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 21.

M. Painleve warmly defended General Sarrail who had to cope with a difficult situation in Syria from the beginning. He possibly made a few errors which had been greatly exaggerated.—Reuter.



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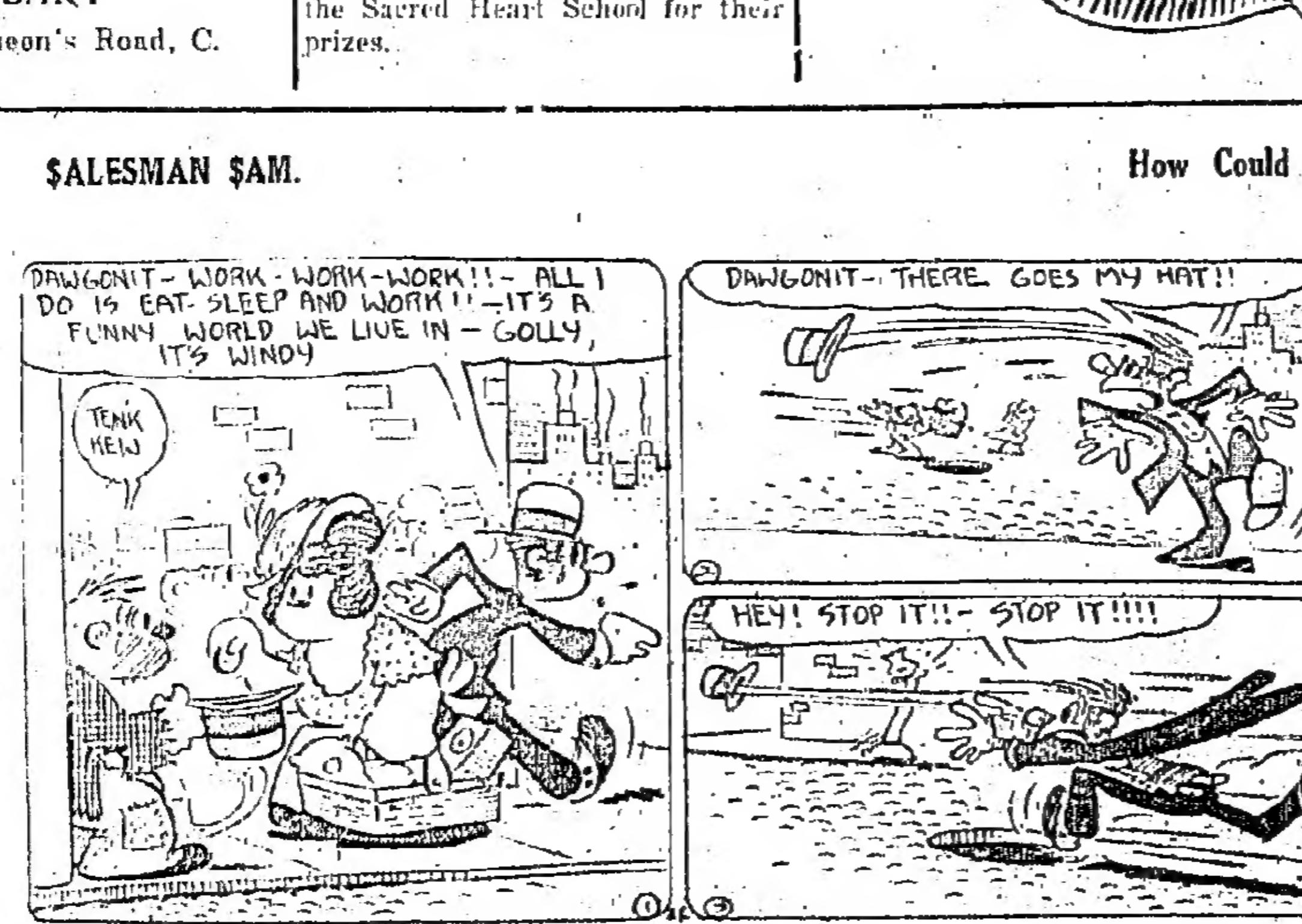
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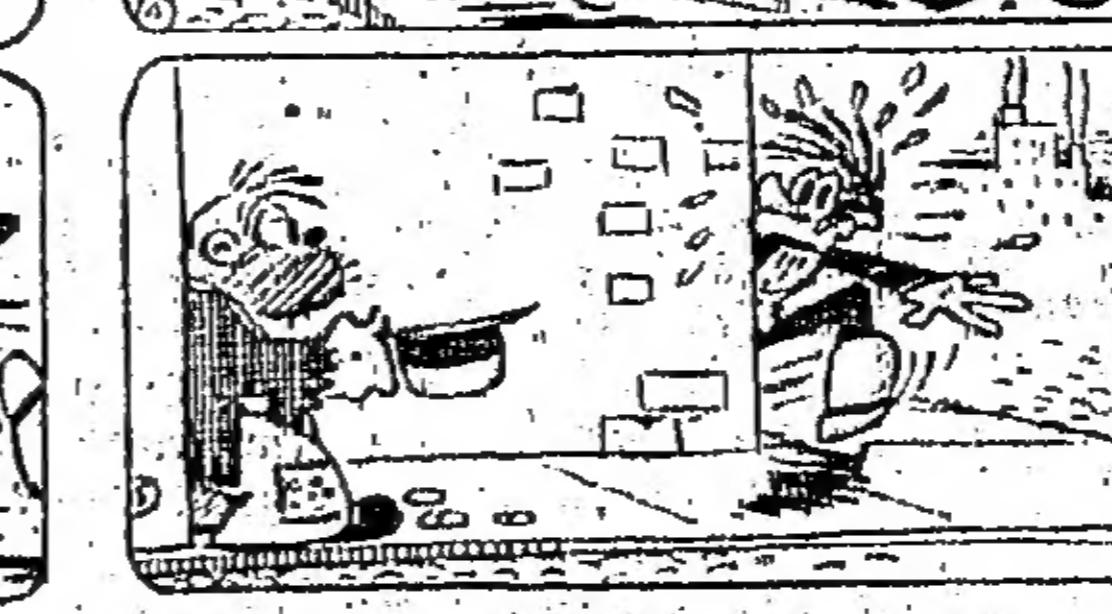
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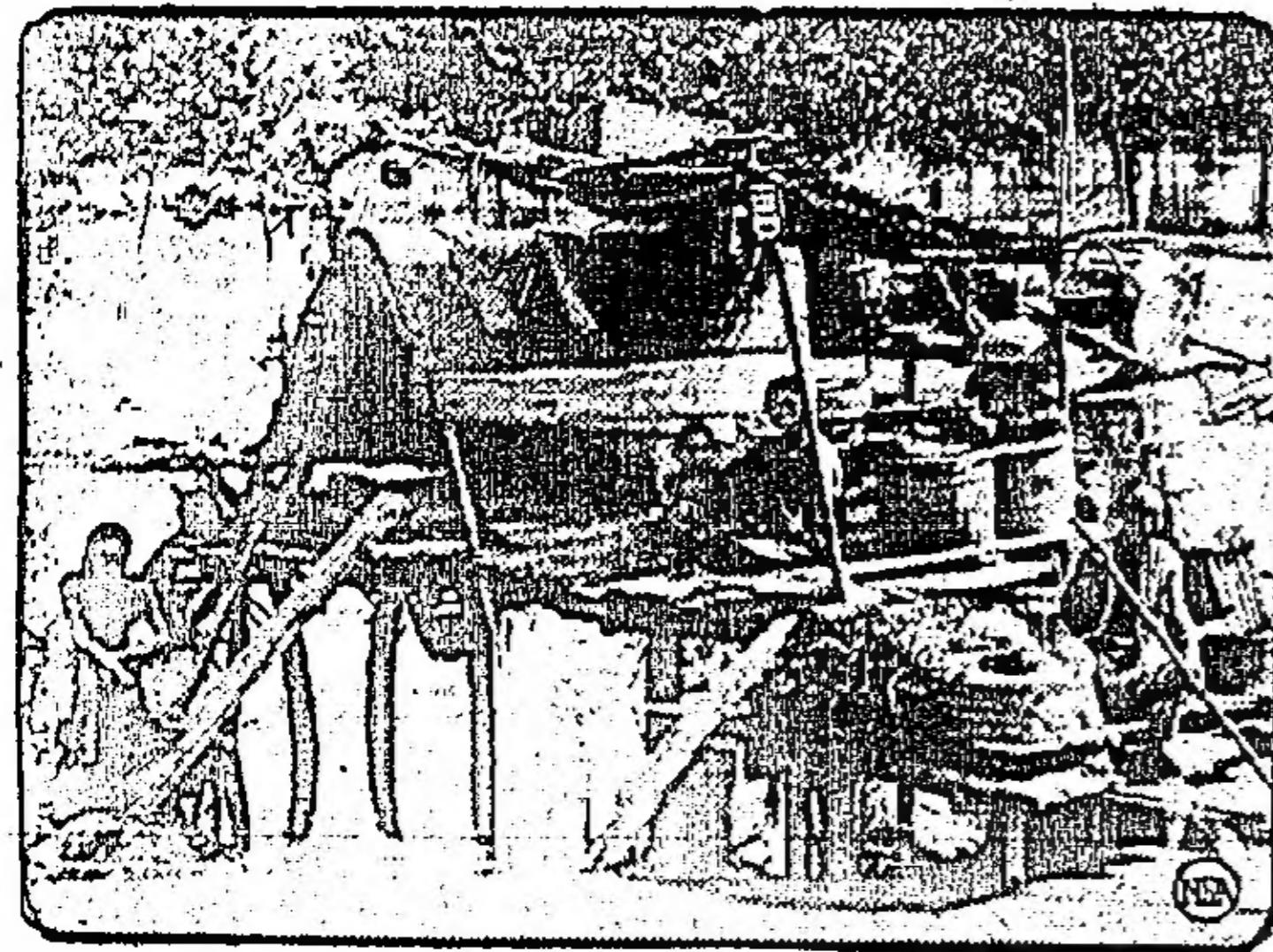
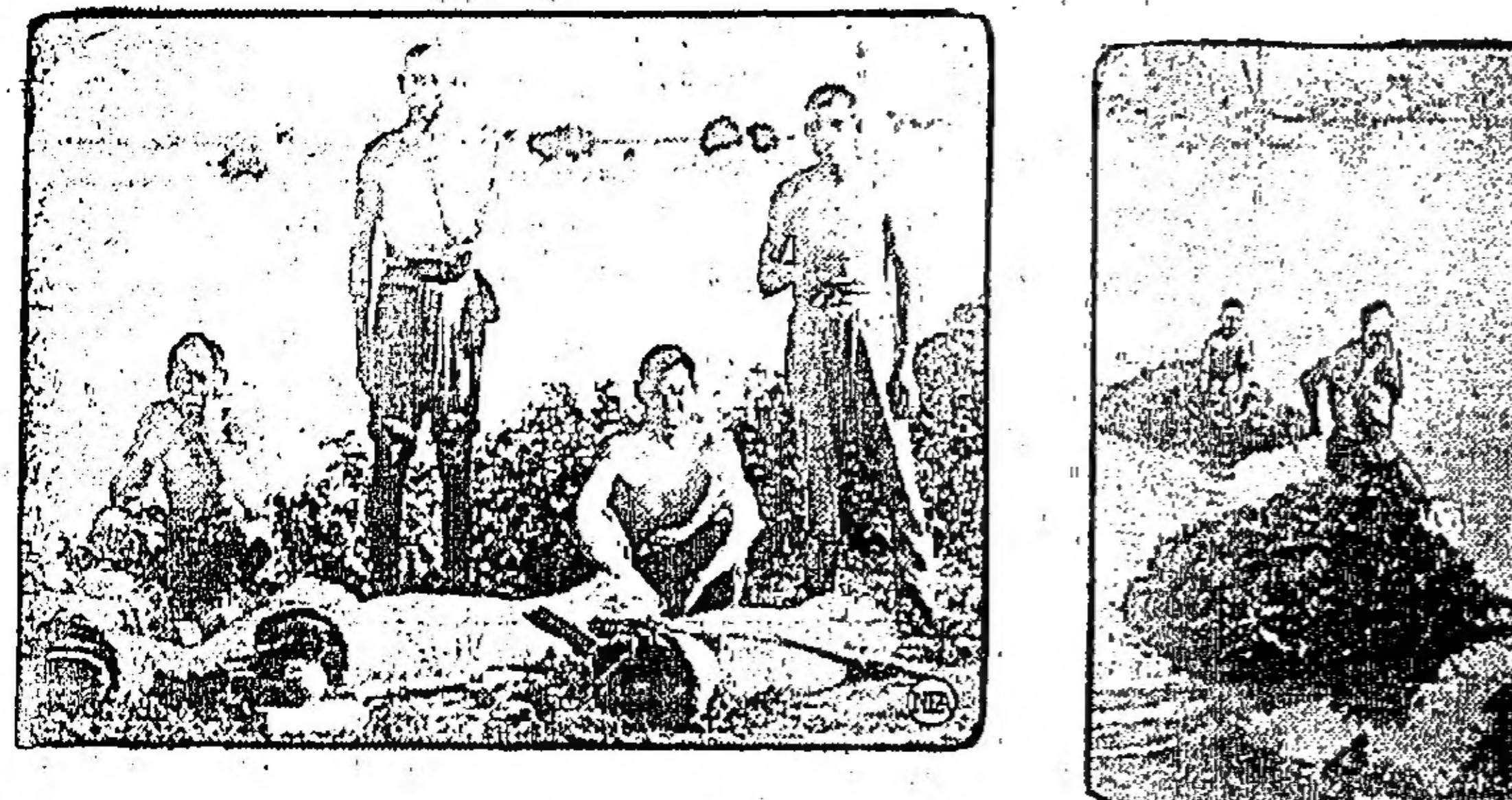
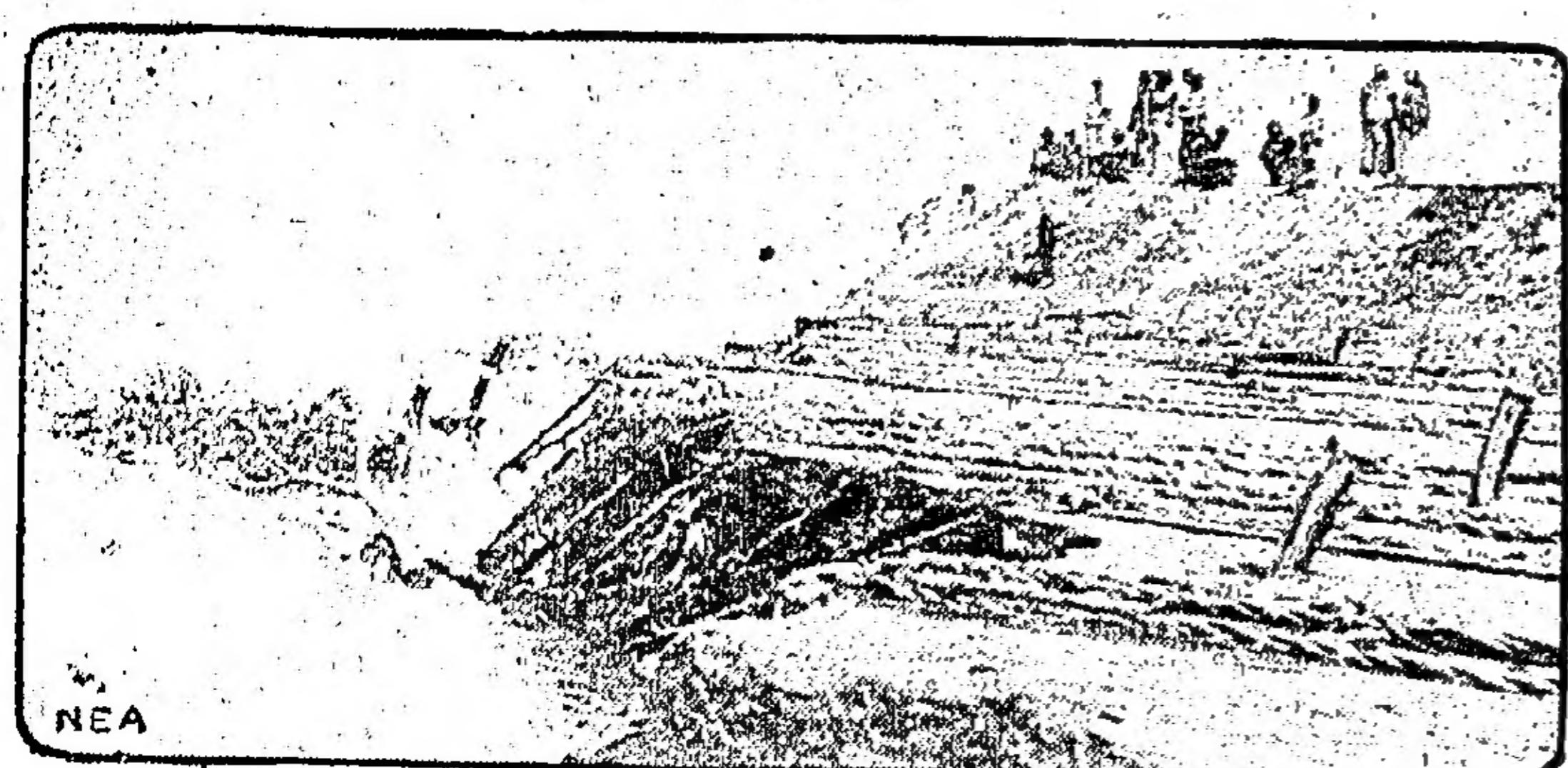


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Pictures Showing One of China's Sorrows.

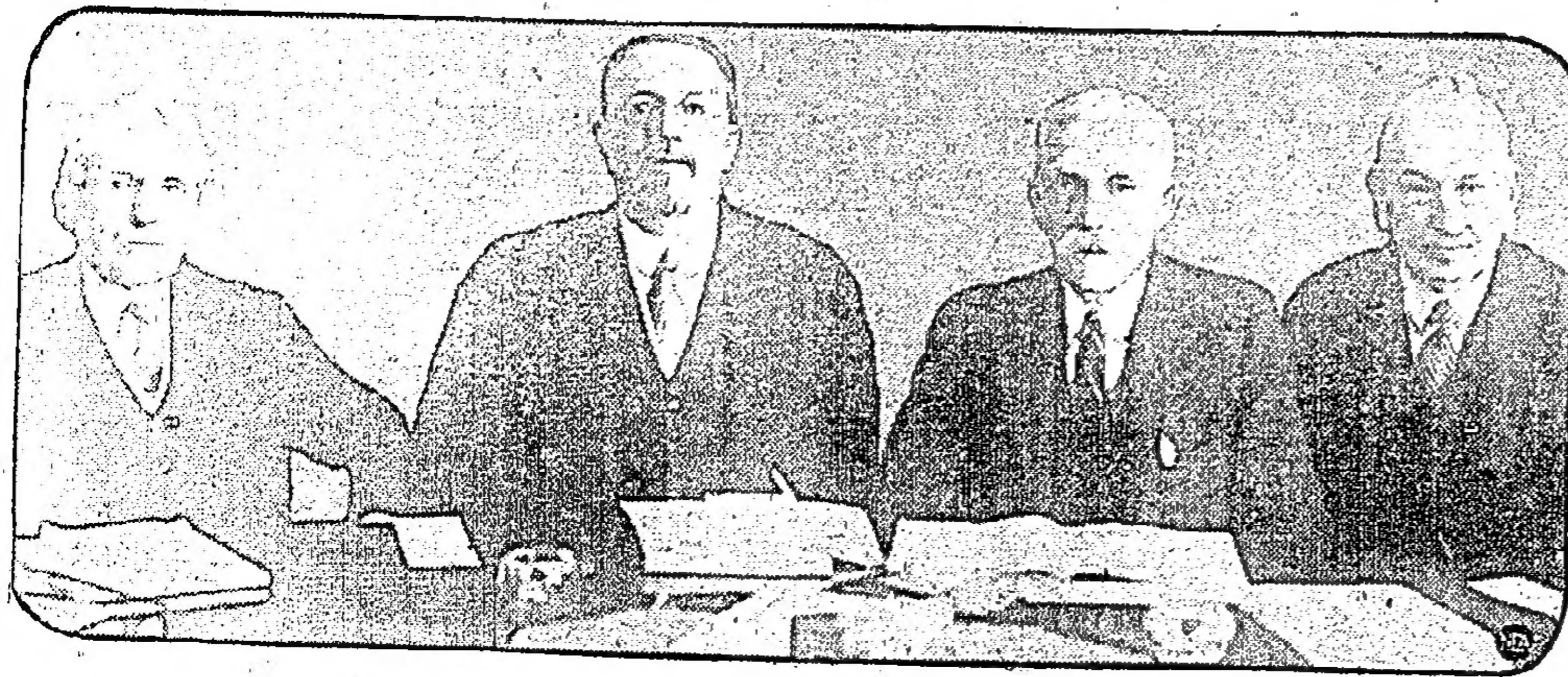


Hundreds were drowned and thousands made homeless when the Yellow River was flooded, and overflowed its banks. These photos were taken a few weeks ago.

At the top is shown a section of the bank that was cut through by the raging torrent. In the middle are seen four destitute Chinese standing guard by the bodies of their drowned children, and at the right are two men on improvised rafts, living on beans which they have to dive below the surface to get.

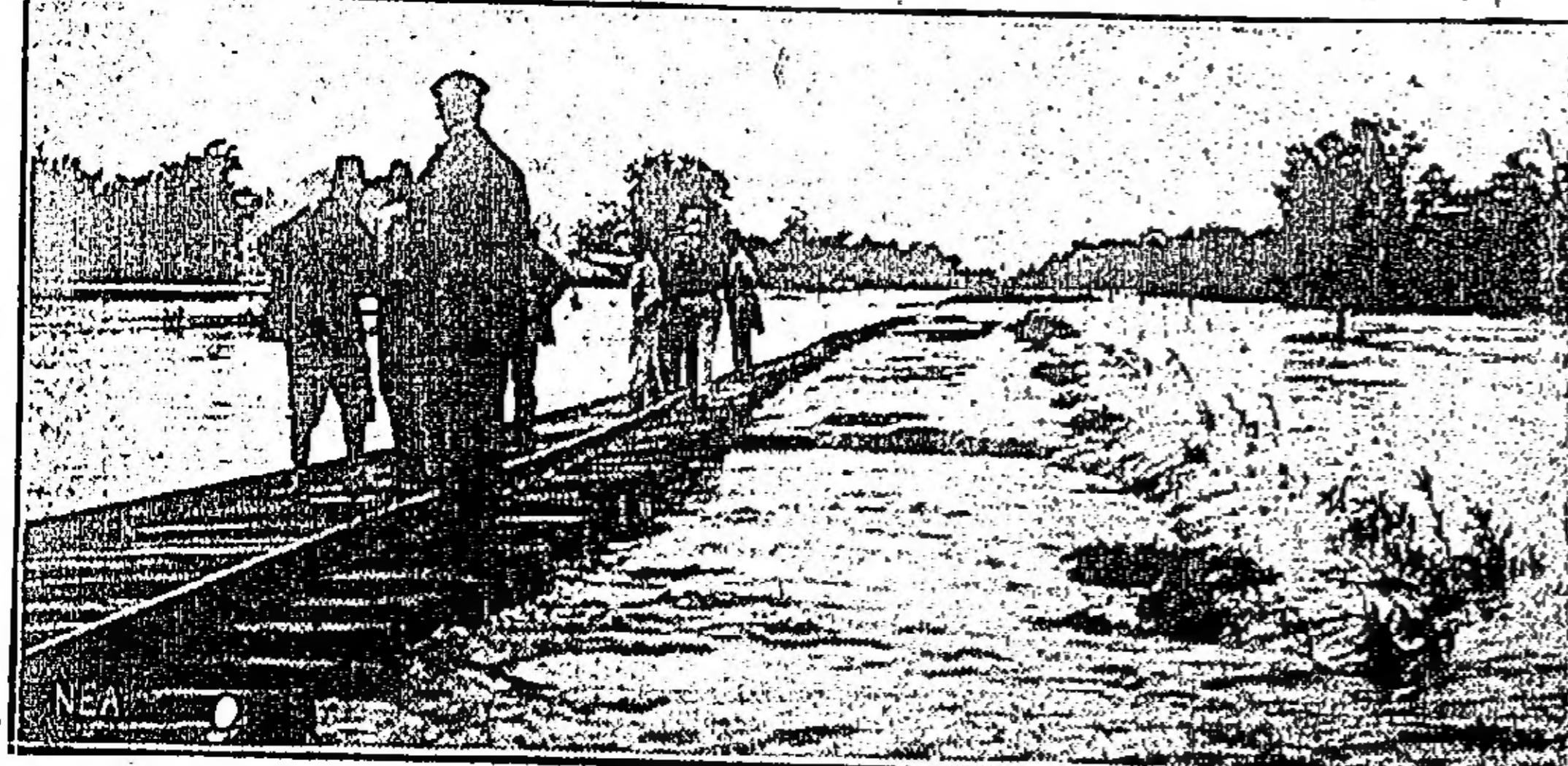
The bottom picture shows a hastily-constructed shelter on piles in the flooded district, with survivors on it.

Recent Agreement on Italian Debt Question.



Members of the American and Italian debt commission agreed upon a settlement of the war debt of Italy to the United States. This shows members of both commissions signing the agreement; left to right they are: Secretary Kellogg, Count Volpi, head of the Italian commission, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and Congressman Burton.

Heavy Rain Leads to Flooding.



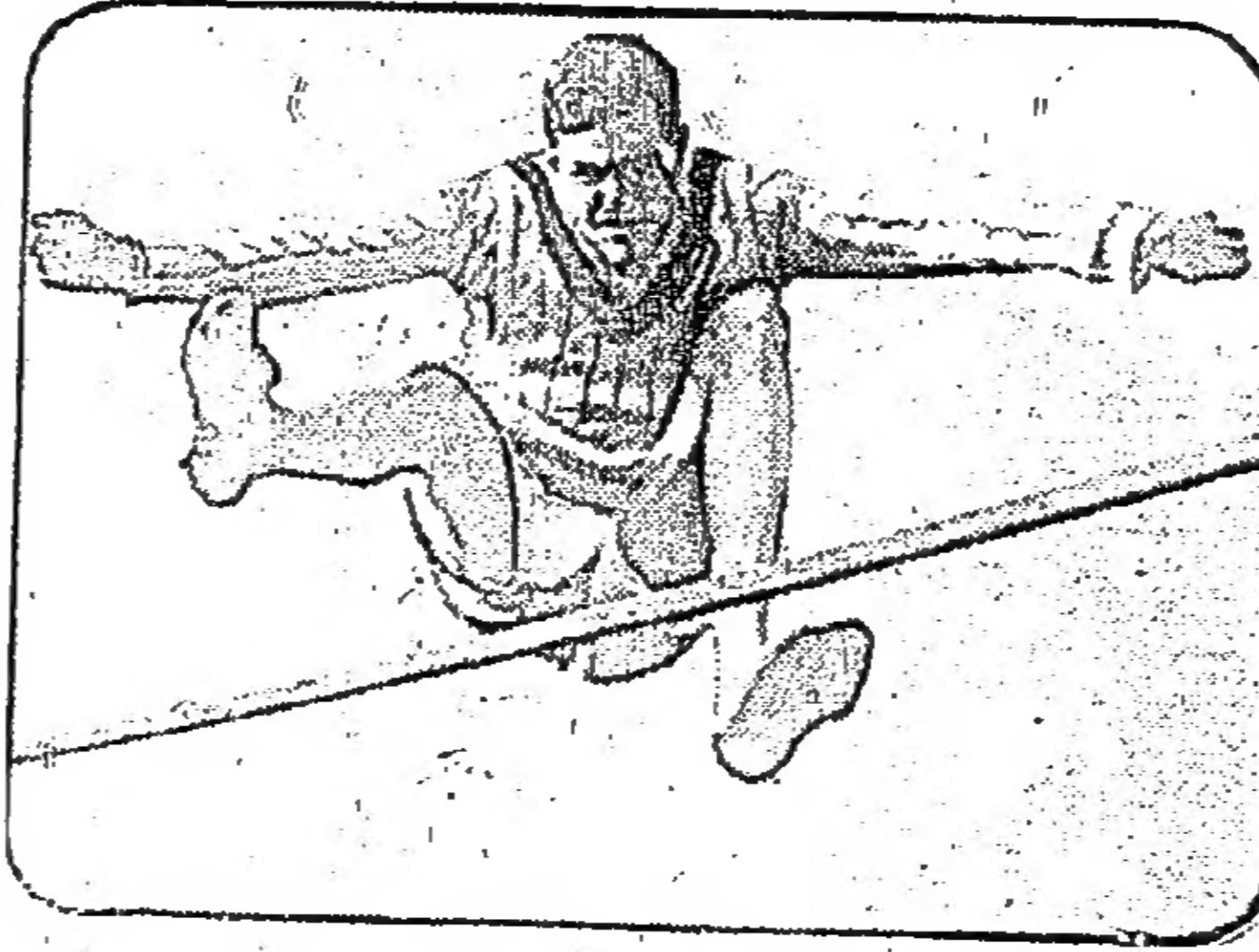
Eight and a half inches of rainfall in less than a week caused a disastrous flood that destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of crops, tied up traffic and demoralized oil wells in Louisiana. This photograph shows how the tracks of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad were flooded near Gibsland, La., stopping all traffic for several days.

King at Peace Settlement.



King Boris of Bulgaria leaving the House of Parliament in Sofia at the recent opening of Parliament when the peace settlement between Greece and Bulgaria was effected.

A Monoed Jumper.



Just fancy trying to leap over the bar unless one has the proper equipment to see the ballyhoo. J. D. S. Pendlebury won the high jump at Cambridge University with a leap of 6 feet 1 inch. And he wore a monocle as he did it.

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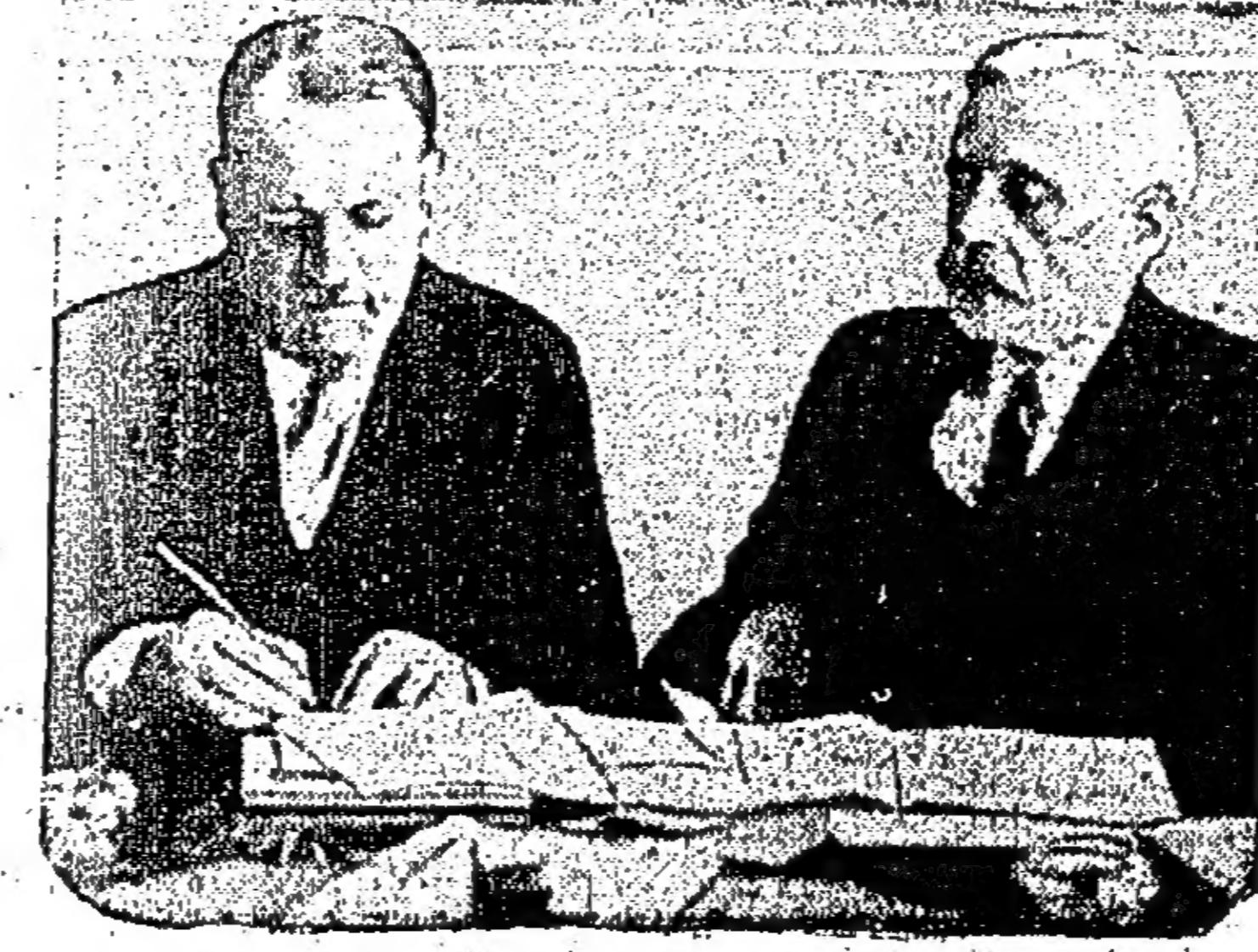
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One Store will remain open on Saturday afternoon

next, the 19th inst.

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Final arrangements for settling Italy's war debt were made at Washington at the conference between American officials and the Italian commission headed by Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata. This shows the signing of the articles, with Count Volpi at the left and Secretary Mellon at the right.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance
No. 5 of 1925, the Exchange
Banks will be closed for the trans
action of Public Business on
Friday and Saturday, the 25th
instant.

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1925.

HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL.

December 23rd, 1925,
at 9.15 p.m.Third Tournament of the
MAIN EVENT.

C. P. O. Cardidge,

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H.M.S. HERMES.
Fifteen 2 minute rounds
Catchweight Contest,
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for \$5.00 on production of their
Membership cards. Members are
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when taking tickets at the reduced
rate.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CANTON
ICE MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY AN
NUAL MEETING of Shareholders
in the above Company will be held
at the Company's Town Office, 2
Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on
TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925,
at noon, for the purpose of pre
senting the Report of the Directors
and Statement of Accounts to
31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Com
pany will be closed from 14th to
the 29th December, 1925, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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The Undersigned have received
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the 22nd December, 1925, commen
cing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales
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A Large and Fine Assortment of
Xmas Toys.

Comprising:

Dressed Dolls, Tea Sets, Furni
ture Sets, Sico Dolls, Toy Guns,
Footballs, Rocking Horse, Men-of
War, Crackers, Matches, Sparklers,
Fireworks, Mechanical Toys, Xmas
Trees, Blue Lights, Cooking Sets,
Santa Claus Stockings, etc., etc.

On view from Monday, the 21st
December, 1925.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
instructions from Messrs. Wing
Yue Tsuen to sell by Public
Auction for account of Messrs.
H. M. Yuen Cheung Kee on

Wednesday, the 23rd Dec. 1925
at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell
Street.

200 New Tins "Feng Tsze" Oil
(The Goods are now stored in
Messrs. Wing Yue Tsuen's
Godown No. 402, Des Voeux
Road West)

Terms:—As Customary

Messrs. LAMMERT
BROTHERS

Auctioneers

Hongkong, December 16, 1926.

LOST.

LOST.—(Believed Stolen or
Killed) Fawn Chow Dog in
Happy Valley Iistrict on or
about 15th instant, had Collar
Marked "Kirk P. W. D." and
License Tab No. 1610/25 attached.
Will any one who may have
information please ring up
Telephone Central, 1079 or Apply
13, Ventris Road.

LOST.—On Hongkong-Kow
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the 15th inst. Waterman's foun
tain pen. Finder kindly return
to "Hongkong Telegraph" Office.

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It is proposed to hold a Ro
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at present in the Colony, at the
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Will all Gentlemen intending to
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ON
MONDAY,
March 1st, at 4.30 p.m.
Distance about 6 1/4 miles.

Open to All Europeans in the
Colony.

Three Silver Prize Cups.
Entries to be sent to the
Secretary before February 20th.

FRANK N. W. DOODHA,
227, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public Auction
on Thursday, the 24th Dec. 1925

at 12 Noon,
at their Sales Room, Duddell
Street.

Four Fox Terrier Pups—Pure
Bred.

St. On View On Day of Sale.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1925.

CHINA AUCTION
ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!



BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

FINAL GRAND PUBLIC
AUCTION
OF
EUROPEAN DOLLS & TOYS

&c., &c.,

on WEDNESDAY,

THE 23rd DECEMBER, 1925,

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AT 3.30 P.M. SHARP,

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Terms:—Cash on delivery.

E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 16, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagor.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza has
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY,

December 23, 1925, at 3 o'clock

in the afternoon, at their Sales
Room, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.The Very Valuable Leasehold
Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and

comprising:

Fine-Belgian Cut Glass, Marble
Statues, Silver Ware, E. P. Ware
One Fur and Fancy Goods, etc., etc.On view from Tuesday, the
22nd December, 1925.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY,

the 24th December, 1925, at 10.30

a.m., at Godown No. 25, Lower,
The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

(For account of the concerned).

45 Bags Sweepings of Paraffin Wax.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, December 21, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
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on THURSDAY,

the 24th December, 1925, commen
cing at 11 a.m., at their Sales
Room, Duddell Street,

1 Electric Meter.

4 Hand Pumps.

3 Electric Vacuum Cleaners.

14 Pieces Leather.

1 Case Leather.

1 Case Cotton Blankets.

1 One H. P. Squirrel-cage Elec
tric Motor.1 Five H. P. Slip Ring Electric
Motor.

1 Starter for Slip Ring Motor.

2 Ceiling Fans.

8 Desk Fans.

6 Camera Gramophones.

And

A Quantity of Brass and Cast Iron

Fittings, etc.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1925.

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KOHLER.

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT

DISPUTE OVER COAL
AGENCY.

Charge Not Substantiated.

That the prosecution had not proved false pretences was the decision of Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when the case was concluded of a local Japanese coal merchant, who was charged on remand with obtaining \$9,000 under the pretext that he was in possession of a bill of lading relating to a certain consignment of coal which was brought from Japan by the s.s. Tai Shu Maru, the prosecution alleging that in reality the defendant did not possess a bill of lading and the coal was not his property.

Mr. J. M. Remedios prosecuted and Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defence. Mr. L. D. Turner, who was previously instructed to watch the case on behalf of Cheng Tit-yu, an interested party, withdrew at yesterday's hearing.

The case for the prosecution was concluded at the previous hearing and yesterday Mr. Hall put his client into the box. The defendant, through the interpretation of Miss Curtis, said that he was expecting about 30,000 tons of coal to arrive by the s.s. Tai Shu Maru and he had approached the complainant with a view of appointing him agent for the disposal of the consignment of coal in payment of the price of the freight.

The defendant had never promised to hand the complainant the bill of lading, which had been endorsed by his wife, as he himself was in Canton at the time.

Prepared to Deliver the Coal.

Asked why the agency agreement was not signed, witness replied that the complainant was attempting to evade signing the contract.

Mr. Hall: Why was he trying to evade signing it?

Defendant: He must have had some evil thought in him.

In reply to a further question defendant said that he was never willing to hand over the coal to the complainant till the agreement was signed.

Cross-examined by the Magistrate, defendant denied that he ever promised to go to the Great Eastern Hotel to sign the agreement. Though he admitted taking the complainant to his godowns, he denied that he gave instructions to the godown keeper to allow the complainant to take delivery of the coal, as the keeper was absent. Defendant further denied that he was stopped while in a ricksha by one of the witnesses of the prosecution on the day of his arrest.

His Worship: If the agency agreement is brought to you today, are you willing to give the complainant delivery of the coal?

Defendant: Yes.

The defendant agreed that he either had to return the \$9,000 or give the complainant the coal.

A Japanese coal merchant, trading with Hongkong and Japan, gave evidence to the effect that he shipped a consignment of coal to the defendant.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship dismissed the case on the ground that the charge was not substantiated by the evidence.

JAPAN'S SILVER EMBARGO.

TO BE LIFTED.

TOKYO, Dec. 21. It is learned authoritatively that the Finance Department has decided to lift the silver embargo. —Reuter.

FANLING DRAG HUNT.

GOOD SPORT OVER
WEEK-END.

The Holiday Fixtures.

Two excellent days sport were enjoyed by the members of the Fanling Drag Hunt over the weekend. A field of twenty turned out on Saturday and participated in a fine run from the Kennels, toward Tit Ku Ling and back, over a distance of approximately 4½ miles. The pack never left the line from start to finish, so good was the scent.

There were three runs on Sunday. The first line was from Potts' bungalow across the river, a "kill" being effected in front of Mr. da Sousa's residence.

Next the hounds picked up a good scent at the back of the Cheery 'Ole, and leaving the Portuguese Golf Club on the right, made a bee-line for the hills. Around the back of the golf course they proceeded at a good pace, a fine three mile chase ending close to the brick works.

The third run was towards Lok Ma Chau until the river was reached, and then back again to the

JAPANESE EMPEROR'S
INDISPOSITION.

A FAINTING FIT.

TOKYO, Dec. 21. The Emperor fainted on Saturday evening, but though the Palace is worried, it is officially stated that his indisposition is not such as to cause much anxiety. —Reuter.

Later.

To-day's bulletin indicates that the Emperor has practically recovered. —Reuter.

vicinity of the golf course, finishing close to where the second run commenced.

During the holidays the following fixtures have been arranged:

On Wednesday the meet will be at the Kennels, Kwanti, at 3:30 p.m.

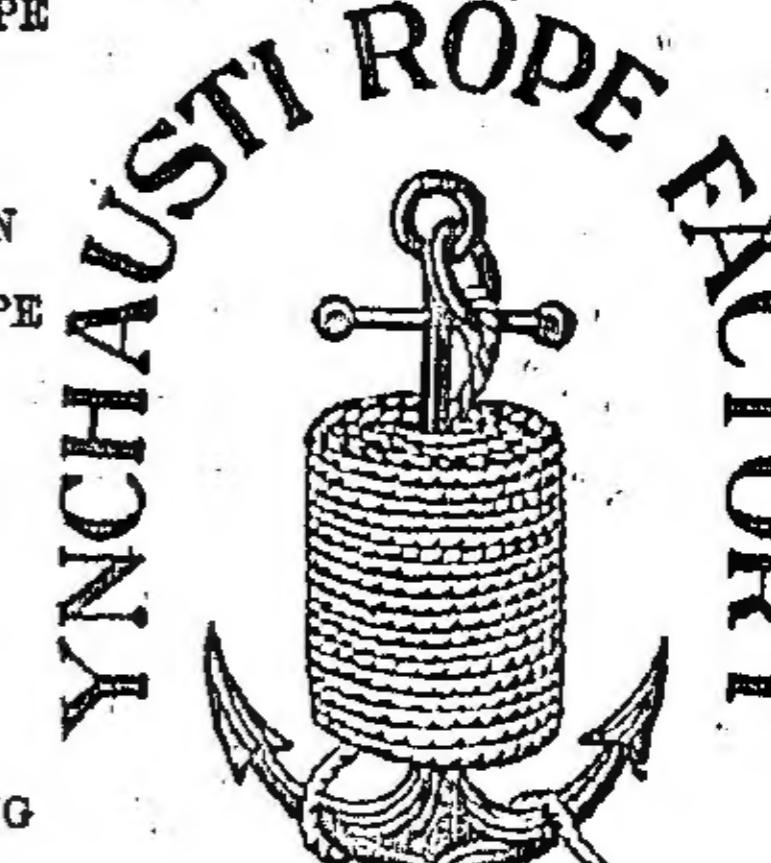
On Friday (Christmas Day) hounds will meet at Mr. da Silva's bungalow at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday (Boxing Day) the meet will be at the Kennels, Kwanti, at 3:30 p.m. when a "Paper Chase" will be the attraction.

On Sunday, a drag will be run. The meet is at Mr. Potts' bungalow at 10:30 a.m.

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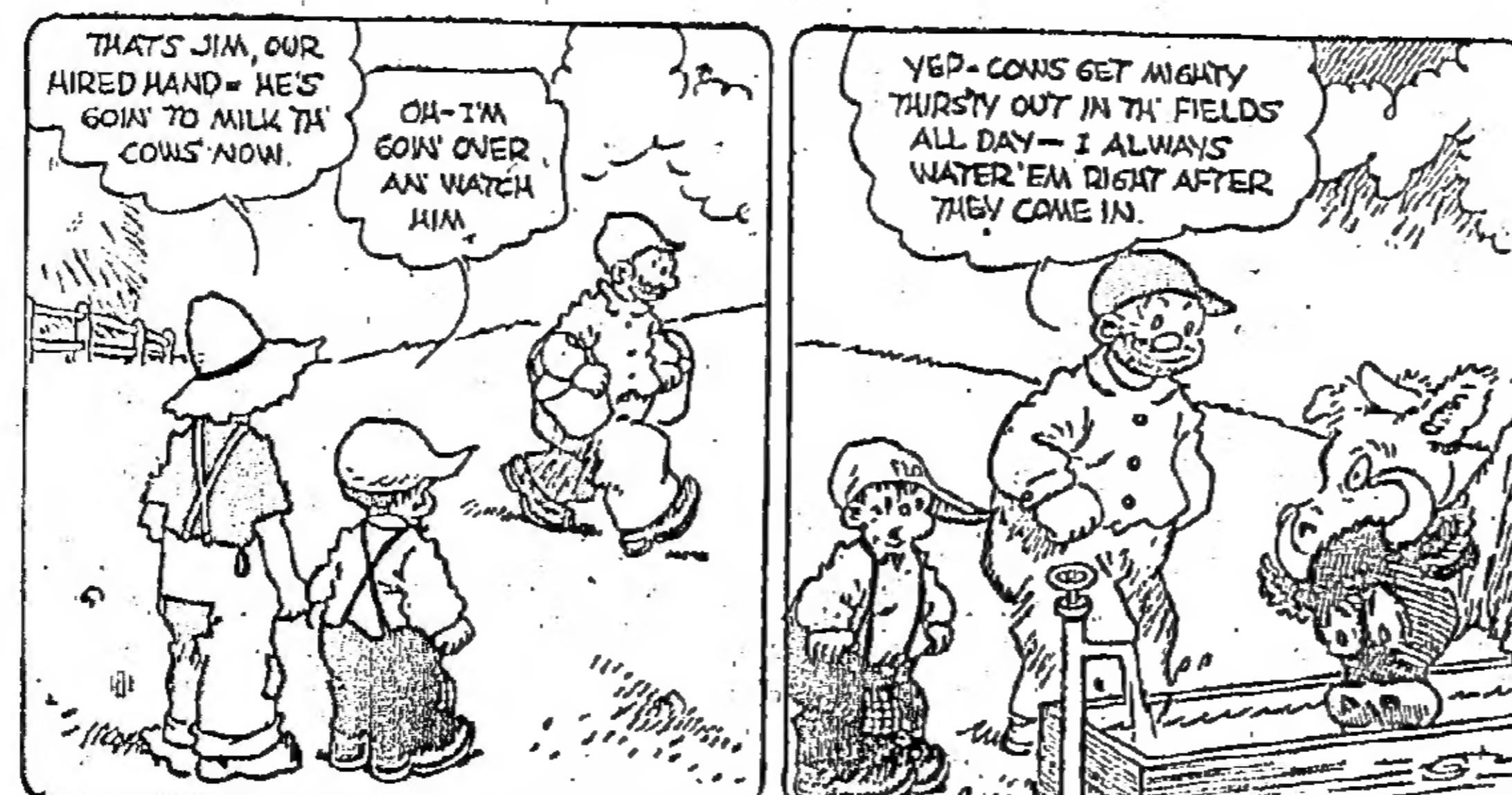
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The Telegraph

TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1925.

MORE WAR CLOUDS.

The position in North China is very grave. Those who can read between the lines of recent reports, and whose imaginations can grasp the possibilities of big issues developing from small beginnings, will realise what the present situation might portend. Inevitably one's mind goes back to 1914, when an Austrian archduke was assassinated in a Balkans town, when the man-in-the-street talked glibly of possible war, and almost excitedly looked to further developments. The tragic days that came crowding during the last week of July and first week of August, and the years of agony which followed, were bred and fostered from that small spark at Sarajevo. It is impossible to refuse evidence that the big clash of 1914-18 was inevitable, as it had been planned beforehand. It proved the futility of many outward semblances of friendship. Since then, critics of different world policies have not failed to predict that the next big trial of strength would come nearer the Pacific. That one would fain disbelieve, yet recent events in the Far East suggest that it would require little more to set alight the flame of international conflict, for the fuel is ready to hand, and the spark has actually been struck.

Last week a message came through reporting Japanese occupation of Mukden, and the echo of that action has rolled right across China to the borders of Mongolia and Siberia, and across the Pacific, and, indeed, around the world. Japan's decision, undoubtedly, was taken only under the urge of the grave necessity, for she would be the last to do anything that might plunge her at this stage into serious commitments, in Manchuria or elsewhere. The days that are now passing are certainly critical in the extreme, and we may be sure that much is going on behind the scenes, with the stage left ready for some new act at short notice. Every Power that has responsible interests in China (including Japan) will try to avoid complications; but there are other elements to be taken into account. There is the misguided Chinese nationalist movement, the Bolshevik

propaganda campaign, and the great dream—not confined to Soviet Russia—of a Russo-Chinese combine. Who knows if the defeats at Port Arthur and the Yalu River are not still rankling in some hearts, and whether Russian dominion in Manchuria is entirely an abandoned chimera? There is enough else, besides, to make even the optimist apprehensive. The war clouds might roll by, perhaps with no further result than a small spatter; while on the other hand there might come a sudden change of wind and a deluge. We write in no mood of gloomy pessimism, nor do we desire to assume the rôle of the Fat Boy of classic Victorian literature. But it were foolish to shut one's eyes to the possibilities of a situation fraught with matters of grave concern to all the Powers that have Far Eastern interests.

Kowloon's Hospital.

The opening of the new Kowloon Hospital yesterday for the reception of patients marks the consummation of a movement which had its origin more than five years ago when the Kowloon Residents' Association was first formed. It was due to the representations made by that body to the Government that the scheme for a Kowloon hospital was inaugurated, and it was as long ago as May, 1920, that the Government invited a Committee of the Association to choose a site. In September of the same year the Government decided upon the site chosen and from that time onwards the Kowloon Residents' Association has not failed to take the deepest interest in the progress (or, often, non-progress) of the work. It was not until August, 1921, that the Public Works Committee considered the plans, and it was in December of that year that the Government informed an anxious K.R.A. that the hospital would probably take two years to complete. Instead of two years, it has taken four years, for the history of the Hospital's building is a monotonous succession of delays, mostly because of the heavy work involved in cutting down the original site. But the institution is now an accomplished fact, it is staffed by thoroughly qualified British nursing sisters, and it is designed on a plan for future extensions and improvements. At the moment, it is rather far from the centre of European Kowloon and the road to it has not been completed, but, with the future development of the Kowloon foothills for residential purposes and the gradual migration of European residents to the healthier outskirts, the location of the hospital will become central, healthy and convenient. The K.R.A. has at least justified its existence if it accomplished nothing more than it has already done in the way of agitating for and securing the completion of a hospital to which Europeans can go on that side of the harbour.

RUBBER MARKET.

STRAITS QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of cable advices from Singapore stating that the rubber market is still quiet and giving the following quotation of sales made to Hongkong:—

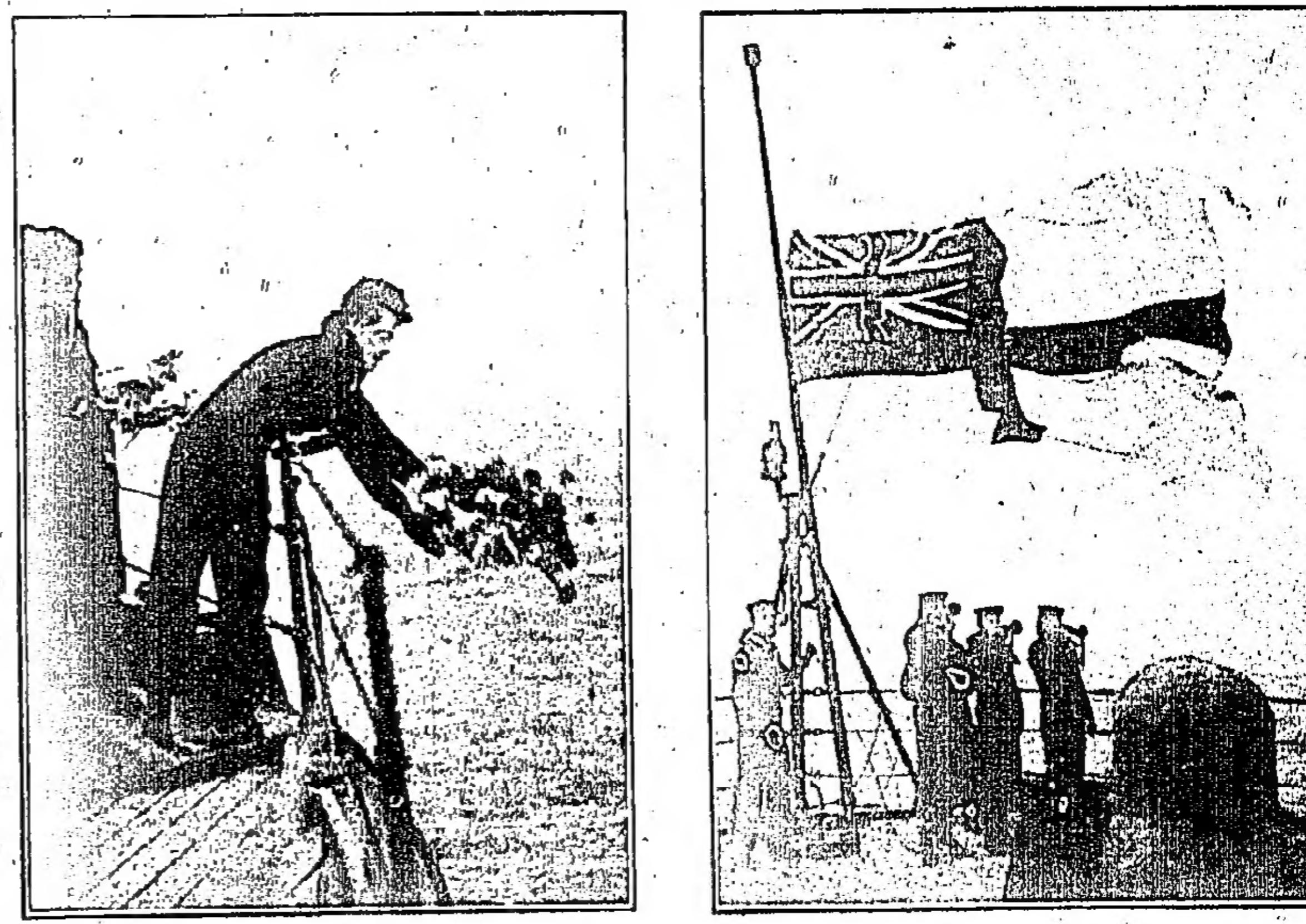
Ayer Moleks	\$ 3.30
Ayer Panas	15.00
Brogas	1.92
Brunel United	11.50
Colinsburgh	5.20
Glencales	2.75
Jerma	1.60
Kedaha	4.60
Kempas	10.60
New Serendahs	5.20
Pungkor	1.52
Tambakas	1.60
United Maluccas	3.20

GOLD EXPORT.

**JAPANESE EMBARGO
REMAINS.**

Tokyo, Dec. 21. This evening's newspapers report that during to-day's Budget debate the Finance Minister stated that the Government considered it still premature to lift the gold export embargo.—Reuter.

NAVY'S TRIBUTE TO "M. 1" VICTIMS.



The British Navy recently paid its tribute to the gallant dead who lost their lives in the M. 1 disaster, by the holding of a special memorial service aboard H.M.S. Maidstone off the Devonshire coast. Top pictur shows a general view of the impressive ceremony; whilst below are seen (left) bluejackets casting wreaths overboard at the spot where the submarine sank, and (right) buglers sounding "The Last Post" whilst the flag at the stern of the warship flies at half-mast.

DAY BY DAY.

FINED \$2,000.

PANTRY BOY AND OPIUM.

A fifteen-year-old pantry boy on the Macao steamer Sai On, was fined \$2,000 at the Central Magistracy by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for being in unlawful possession of 18 taels of illicit opium.

The defendant was arrested by a Chinese revenue officer, and was searched on the wharf where the opium was found on him.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke said they were doing their best to stop such traffic, and asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case.

In fining the defendant, Mr. Lindsell said if he did not pay, he would have to go to prison for eight months.

ARMS POSSESSION.

CHINESE GETS NINE MONTHS.

The case in which a Chinese named Li Tiu was charged with being in possession of a loaded revolver which, it was alleged, he also used to fire a shot at a party of police officers who raided his dwelling in a village near Shatakok, at 5.30 in the morning of the 29th October, was brought to a close at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the man came up for sentence before Mr. Justice Wood on the charge of possession of the weapon.

The accused, who stated that he fired the shot under the impression that he was being attacked by armed robbers, had been acquitted, yesterday, on the count of shooting, but he was found guilty on the charge of possession. He was now sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

LOCAL CRICKET.

INDIAN R. C. MATCH.

A "Married" versus "Single" match will be played on Christmas Day commencing at 2 p.m. sharp at the Indian Recreation Club. The teams will be: "Married":—A. H. Rumjahn, M. el Arculli, D. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, J. S. Abdul-Carroom, Y. Abdul-Wahab, A. S. Ismail, U. M. Omar (Capt.), R. Nazar, A. R. Samy and A. N. Other. "Single":—A. H. Madar, F. M. el Arculli, H. D. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, Jr. (Capt.), N. B. Kitchell, Omar Ismail, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, J. S. Ackbar, I. Hassan and A. S. Suffiad.

EXCLUSION OF STEEL WORKS.

London, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Baldwin said the Civil Research Committee of the House of Commons had lengthily considered the application by the steel industry for protection under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, and heard many witnesses representing employers and employed. The evidence revealed a serious situation as the result of pressure by foreign competition, but the investigation made it clear that safeguarding a basic industry of this magnitude would have repercussions which could be regarded as conflicting with the Government's declarations as regards general tariff; therefore the Government was unable to grant the application.—Reuter.

General Chang Kai-shik has reported to the Canton Government the completion of the campaign on the East River sector. He says he has finished all arrangements for the rehabilitation of war-ridden areas and is despatching back to Canton all the troops that are not required for service. He himself will return to Canton in a week's time.

According to the Chinese press, the Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton has decided to hold a memorial service for Wai Tok, the cabin boy of the str. President Pierce who shot Gen. Hung Chao-lin, the anti-Bolshevik leader, and then committed suicide.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE TRIALS OF A BOXING MANAGER.

[BY "WANDERER"]

A task which calls for more patience, tact and suchlike qualities than any other, is that, I should imagine, of a boxing manager. He fixes up a series of fights to find that ten minutes after rubbing his hands and patting himself on the back, he is required to look round for someone else to fight so-and-so since his original opponent has suddenly discovered a bone in his wrist or something equally intriguing. Another man is only too anxious to get in the ring but his commanding officer won't let him. And so the whole thing appears to go on.

Circumstances entirely outside the control of the Hongkong Boxing Association, or of Mr. J. Brook, the manager, have made a slight upset in the programme for the tournament which begins at 9:15 p.m. to-morrow.

Stoker Naegelin, whose exploits reached Hongkong before him, has gone sick and will be unable to fight Drummer Bowles. Marine Hills, the winner of the Novices' Featherweight Competition at the recent tournament, has been substituted.

Most Hongkong fans who know Bandsman Wareham and his capabilities, were preparing to give him a hearty welcome on his return to the local ring after twelve months' absence, but a domestic problem has yet to be solved. It appears, and he has reluctantly to withdraw. His place in the roped square will be taken by L. Tel Emmerson, who, despite losing to A. B. Baker, at the last tournament, is perfectly willing to try again.

We can, however, congratulate ourselves on the fact that there has been no bite in relation to the big fight, and after all it is C. P. O. Jim Cartridge, and Stoker Morris whom the Colony want to see. Both men have been training for the contest, and one might say religious fervour, and a splendid scrap may be regarded as a certain development. The men signed articles on Sunday and their side-stake of \$100 was duly deposited.

The probabilities are that the fight will go the full distance, an opinion which may have added weight if it is mentioned that neither man has yet been knocked out. Both camps are fully confident of victory; H.M.S. Hermes will not hear of defeat, Cartridge may be a little biased when he expresses the opinion that if the fight goes the length of the course, he will win on points, but I have no doubt that he has real ground for such a belief.

On the one hand there is Stoker Morris who has youth and weight on his side and who to Hongkong boxing circles is more or less a dark horse. On the other, there is C. P. O. Jim Cartridge, whose principal assets are strength and experience. Call it a match between youth and experience leaving out the question of weight. If anyone is anxious to have a bet on the result he must consider whether Cartridge's experience is sufficient to over-balance his opponent's advantages physically, and I feel that so little has been seen of Morris that it is impossible to judge.

The programme as it now stands is:

FIFTEEN ROUNDS—CATCHWEIGHTS. (\$550 winner, \$450 loser).

C. P. O. Jim Cartridge v. Stoker Morris.

SIX ROUNDS—MIDDLEWEIGHT.

A. B. Pearce v. A. B. Miller.

SIX ROUNDS—FEATHERWEIGHT.

Harry Major v. A. B. Gardner.

SIX ROUNDS—LIGHTWEIGHT.

A. B. Baker v. L. Tel. Emmerson.

SIX ROUNDS—WELTERWEIGHT.

A. B. Morrell v. A. B. Jackson.

SIX ROUNDS—FEATHERWEIGHT.

Drummer Bowles v. Marine Hills.

SIX ROUNDS—WELTERWEIGHT.

Pte. Barber v. A. B. Valentine.

It will be a re-vitalised Major who steps in the ring with Gardner to-morrow, and his contest appears to be the most interesting of the preliminaries. Major has had a sorry time of late but he is making a real effort to come back and having seen him at work once or twice recently, I feel sure we shall see something of the Major of old. Gardner having a victory over Major to his credit is confi-

RUBBER PRICES.

BRITAIN "PICKING" AMERICA.

Washington, Dec. 21. The House of Representatives has adopted the Tilson rubber motion. The supporter of the motion in his speech complained that Britain was openly proclaiming her intention to collect four million dollars from America in increased rubber prices in order to pay her war debt.

Mr. Hull moved a resolution advocating a revision of the import tariff, complaining that the United States are now just where Britain can pick us like a turkey gobbler at Thanksgiving time.

He said: "We may expect to be thus victimised as long as we cleave to the narrow policy of economic exclusiveness or isolation and high tariffs."

—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. NAVY.

HAWAIIAN DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED.

Washington, Dec. 21. Mr. Stephens a member of the House of Representatives, and one of the Congressional committee which visited the Hawaiian Islands last summer, has recommended to the House committee on naval affairs many improvements to Pearl Harbour, including the provision of berths for sixteen battleships. He has asked for the appropriation of \$2,218,000, of which a million will be used to improve the channel to the sea, and \$684,000 for the construction of a naval air station.

The committee is also urged to consider construction of a naval pier at San Diego, California.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

SOVIET AND KUOMINTANG.

M. CHICHERIN EXPLAINS SYMPATHIES.

Brin, Dec. 21. In the course of an interview, M. Chicherin declared that the Soviet attitude towards China was friendly and correct, although he did not hide the fact that its sympathies were with the Kuomintang, "whose programme to create a free, independent and modernised federal Chinese Republic was welcomed by Russia."

—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINESE RAIDERS.

CHARGED AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Six Chinese who are alleged to have been concerned in a raiding expedition against the district of Tai O, appeared before the Puisne Judge at the Criminal Sessions today on a charge of being in possession of five revolvers and 128 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (the Crown Solicitor) appeared for the Crown, while Mr. S. Fitzroy defended.

The case being adjourned sine die, Mr. Fitzroy applied for bail. Two of the accused were remanded on bail of \$1,500 each, and the four others \$500 each. His Lordship intimated that these would be allowed in the form of personal securities.

GERMANY & FRANCE.

THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

Berlin, Dec. 21. The Parliamentary Socialist Service declares that it is quite satisfied with the provisional economic agreement signed with France, providing for a definite treaty, which, after a transitory period of 14 months, will have as its basis the most-favoured-nation clause.—*Indopacif.*

Paris, Dec. 21. The actual position of the France-German negotiations was summarised after the signing of the Protocol on Saturday. Pourparlers will be resumed on 12th January.—*Indopacif.*

Paris, Dec. 21. In the presence of President Doumergue and M. Briand, the Papal Nuncio in Paris, Monsignor Ceretti, received this morning at the Elsee the Cardinal's cap, which was laid on by Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris.—*Indopacif.*

NOT RECOGNISED.

ABD-EL-KRIM'S EMISSARY.

Paris, Dec. 21. Well-informed circles declare that Mr. Gordon Cunningham, the emissary of Abd-el-Krim will not be received by the members of the Government, who consider him an unauthorised agent.—*Indopacif.*

FRENCH ARMY.

PROPOSED REORGANISATION.

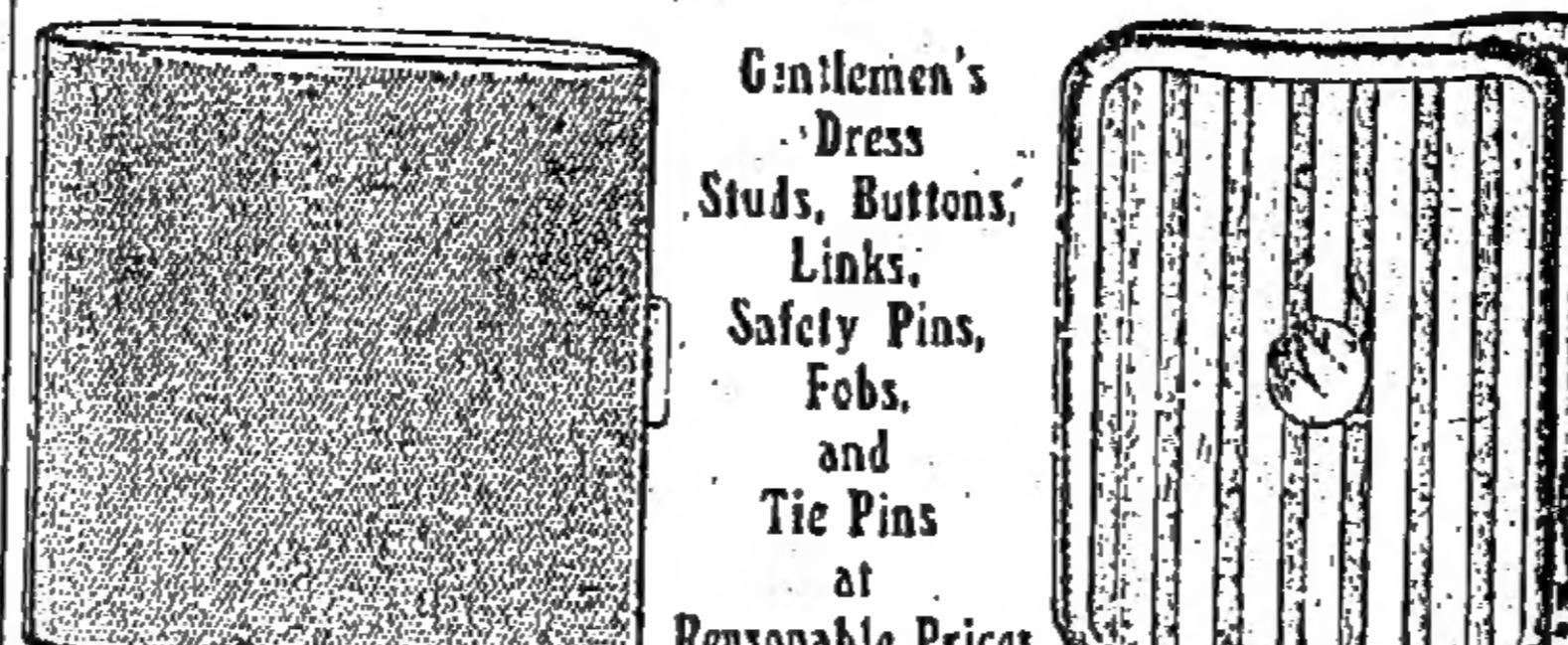
Paris, Dec. 21. The *Echo de Paris* states that the members of the war Department will meet on Wednesday to examine the proposed Bill for the reorganisation of the Army, before it is presented to the Chamber in the first half of January.—*Indopacif.*

Cairo, Dec. 21. There is a movement on foot for the boycotting of the Legislative Elections.—*Indopacif.*

A CORRECTION.

A correspondent describing himself as "The Offender" writes in to me that as Drummer Bowles did not play for the Drums against Kowloon Reserves on Saturday, it was hardly possible for him to be ordered from the field. The error is regretted. I did not actually witness the match, but relied upon information supplied by a friend whose statements can generally be regarded as reliable.

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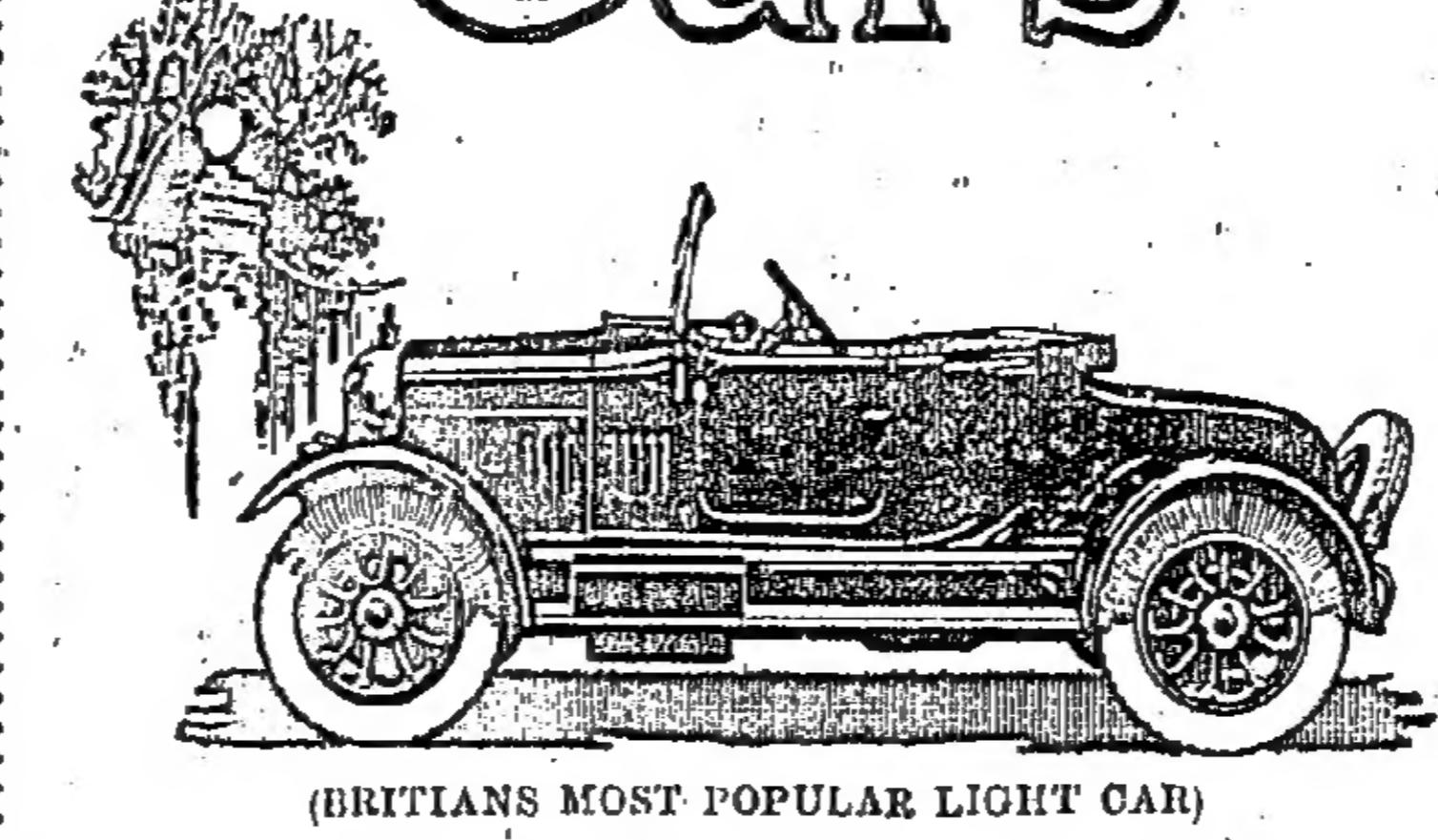
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FRENCH TREATY RIGHTS.

Sharp Note to Peking:

London, Dec. 21. The *Daily Telegraph* publishes a report from Peking that France has formally notified the Foreign Ministry that she maintains her Tientsin treaty rights and refuses to permit her nationals to be taxed in any settlement, or treaty port.

Commenting on the matter, the *Daily Telegraph*, referring to the new and serious turn in the Chinese situation expresses the opinion that the French authorities apparently thought that the Anglo-American delegates were weakening on this point and that a sharp reminder on the part of France would restore the Conference to a sense of the realities of the situation, "but it is to be regretted none the less that the delegates at the Conference could not be left to continue their discussions without intervention from the outside."

Referring to Japanese action in Southern Manchuria it says that its effect on public opinion in China proper is sure to be bad. The *Telegraph* while sympathising with Japan in the most difficult situation hopes her interference will be limited to a minimum if possible.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOAO JERONYMO GOMES.

There passed away at his residence, No. 8 Humphrey's Avenue, Kowloon, yesterday morning, Joao Jeronymo Gomes, a very old member of the Portuguese community in Hongkong, among whom the deceased counted a great many friends.

The late Mr. Gomes had been in the employ of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. for the past 18 years and practically saw service in this leading industrial establishment in Hongkong almost from its infancy. When he first joined the Dock Co. he was engaged in the clerical staff in Aberdeen and passed through several departments until the head office of the Company moved over to Kowloon. Mr. Gomes was an old and trusted servant of the Company and worked under successive chief managers, from whom he earned the highest opinion as a zealous servant and one who placed his duty before anything else.

Mr. Gomes had an attack some months ago which necessitated his being confined to bed. Although he rallied on several occasions, about a fortnight ago he suffered from congestion of the brain from which he died yesterday.

The late Mr. Gomes was one of the founders of the Club de Recreio of Kowloon, in the activities of which he took a leading interest. The deceased leaves a widow and a large family of nine children, for whom much sympathy will be felt in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery to-day and will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

M. FELIX JULES MELINE.

Paris, Dec. 21. The death is announced of the former French Premier, M. Felix Jules Meline.—*Keuter*.

M. Meline, who was Deputy for the Vosges, Avocat a la Cour and Leader of the Moderate and Protectionist Republicans, was born at Remiremont, Vosges, on the 20th May, 1838. He was educated at the Faculty de Paris, and was elected to the National Assembly (Vosges) in 1872. Four years later he was re-elected for Remiremont. He was Minister of Agriculture in 1888, Premier 1890-98 and candidate for the Presidency in 1899.

CRICKET.

HUGE SCORE BY AUSTRALIAN TEST PLAYER.

Hendry Gets 325 Not Out.

Melbourne, Dec. 21. Playing for an Australian side against New Zealand, Hendry increased his Saturday's score of 213 to 326, not out, at which point, with 502 on the board for the loss of seven wickets, the innings was declared. Hendry was magnificent in off-driving and pulling, and was at the wickets for five hours and 23 minutes. He hit twenty-six fours and gave one very difficult chance. His score is an Australian record against New Zealand.—*Reuter*.

MALAY STATES RUBBER.

POSSIBLE SUIT FOR FLOOD DAMAGE.

What effect will the recent floods in the F.M.S. have on the price of rubber? I am inclined to think, says a writer in a Malayan paper, they will have very considerable effect in that the output of F.M.S. estates for December will show considerable diminution. The many rainy days experienced all over the country have hindered tapping while in the flooded areas—particularly in Kuala Selangor—tapping has been impossible for the past week and is likely to be hampered for some days to come.

As a matter of fact the floods have hit rubber growers in this part of Selangor pretty badly. I am told that from Banting to Kuala Selangor there has been great damage done to rubber estates—damage which one who claims to be an authority assesses at the large figure of £400,000 or three-and-a-half million dollars! It is also said that acres and acres of rubber trees planted in the soft, peaty soil of Kuala Selangor, have been "flattened out" as a result of the flood water undermining their roots and causing them to collapse.

In this connection rumour has it that the London directors of certain rubber companies whose properties have thus been damaged have cabled out to their local agents to take an action for damages against the F.M.S. Government. I am not surprised at this. I thought it would come sooner or later. The Government cannot collect revenue from folk and not protect the property so taxed. As the rivers of the F.M.S. have been neglected for years, I presume that the plaintiffs will argue negligence in their action against the Government. If the rumoured action does come off it should prove to be a very interesting test case.

SEVERE CYCLONE.

FATE OF CARGO VESSEL'S CREW.

A severe cyclone, accompanied by heavy rain, raged over Capo Comorin last month, as the result of which many houses collapsed several trees were uprooted and the road to Capo Comorin was submerged by floods, but the severest trial was for the sailing ship, "Alimadad" which was on its way from Rameswaram to Calicut, reports an Indian exchange. It was caught in the storm and stuck on the rocks near Kavalam, a mile to the west of the Cape.

The vessel left Purbunder in Kathiawar some weeks ago with a cargo of 4,000 mounds of salt. She was on her way back from Penang and during the voyage she had the misfortune to have one of her masts damaged and decided to go to Rameswaram to have it repaired, but before she could do so she was caught in a storm.

Of a crew of sixteen, three of whom were boys, only twelve men made good their escape by swimming ashore. All three boys and one adult are missing.

The survivors tell the sad tale that when all of them jumped into the sea from the sinking ship, the fathers of the three boys strove their best to save their sons by carrying them on their backs. It was pitch dark and they had to struggle against a very rough sea being tossed about by the waves. The fathers lost hold of the boys, who were drowned.

Some of the survivors bore marks of bodily injuries, caused by being dashed against the rocks. Rev. Father Henry Perera, parish priest, supplied the survivors with clothing and money. The crew were taken to Capo Comorin. The Captain of the ship Karsen wired to the merchant owner Tajbai of Purbunder for help.

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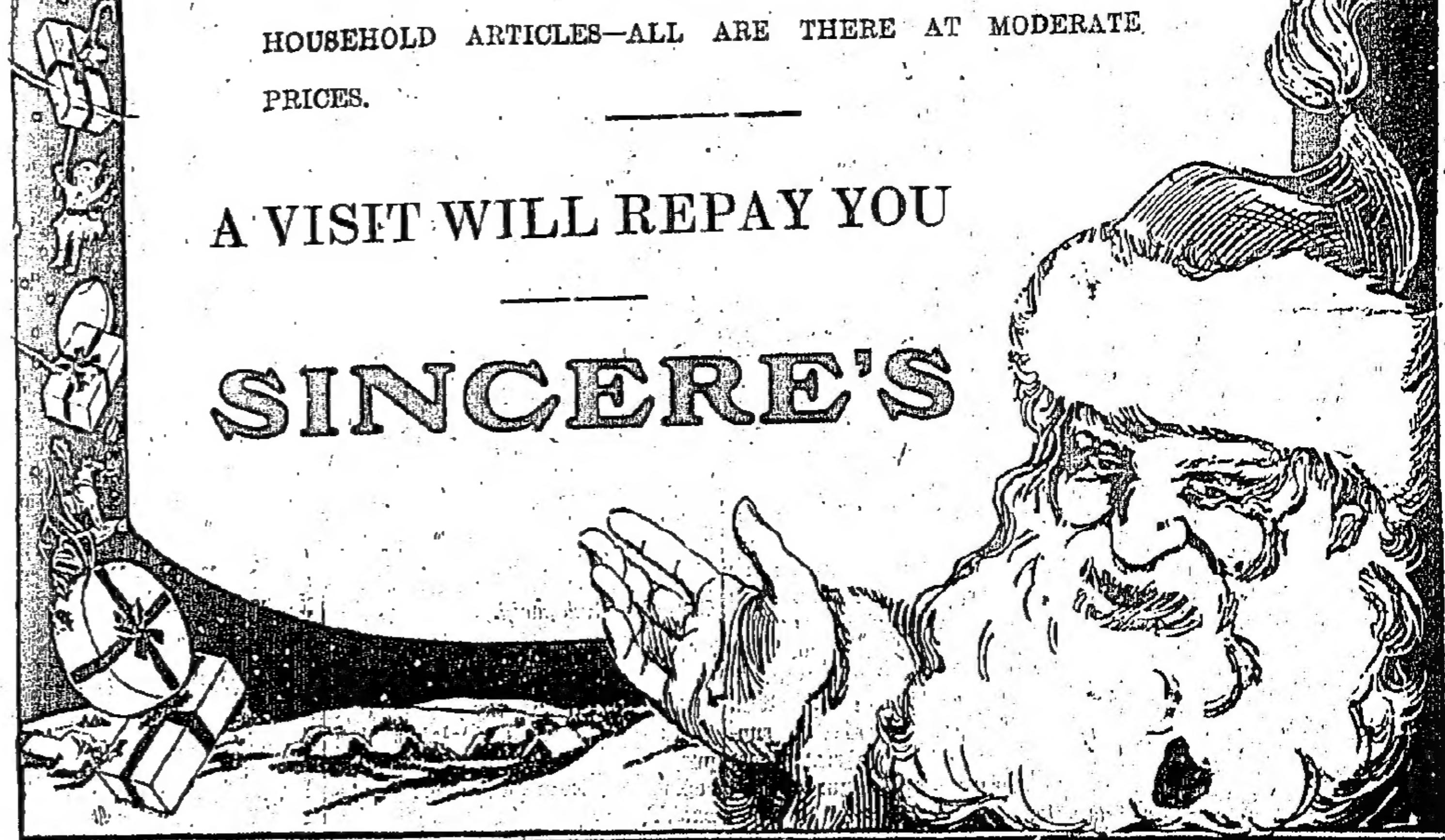
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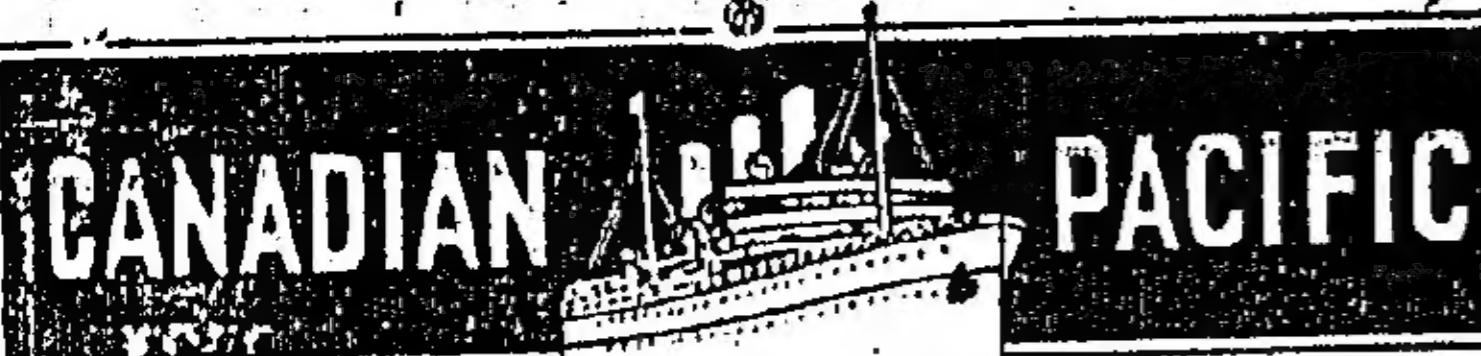
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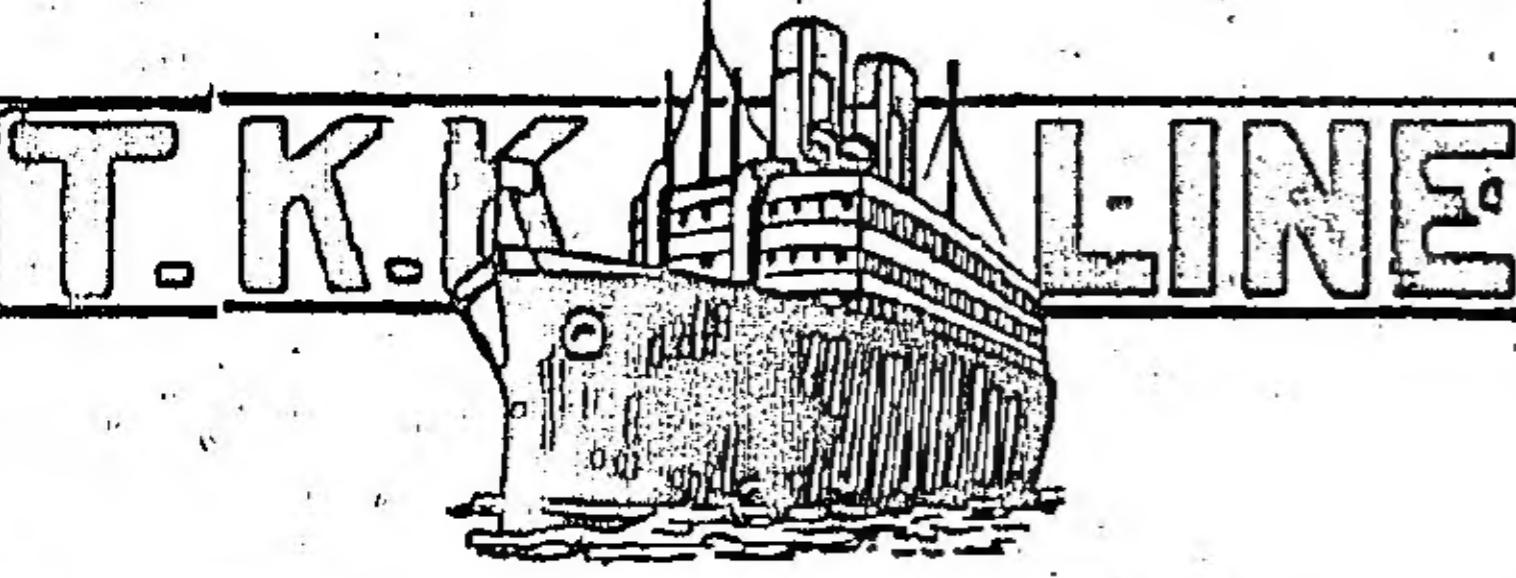
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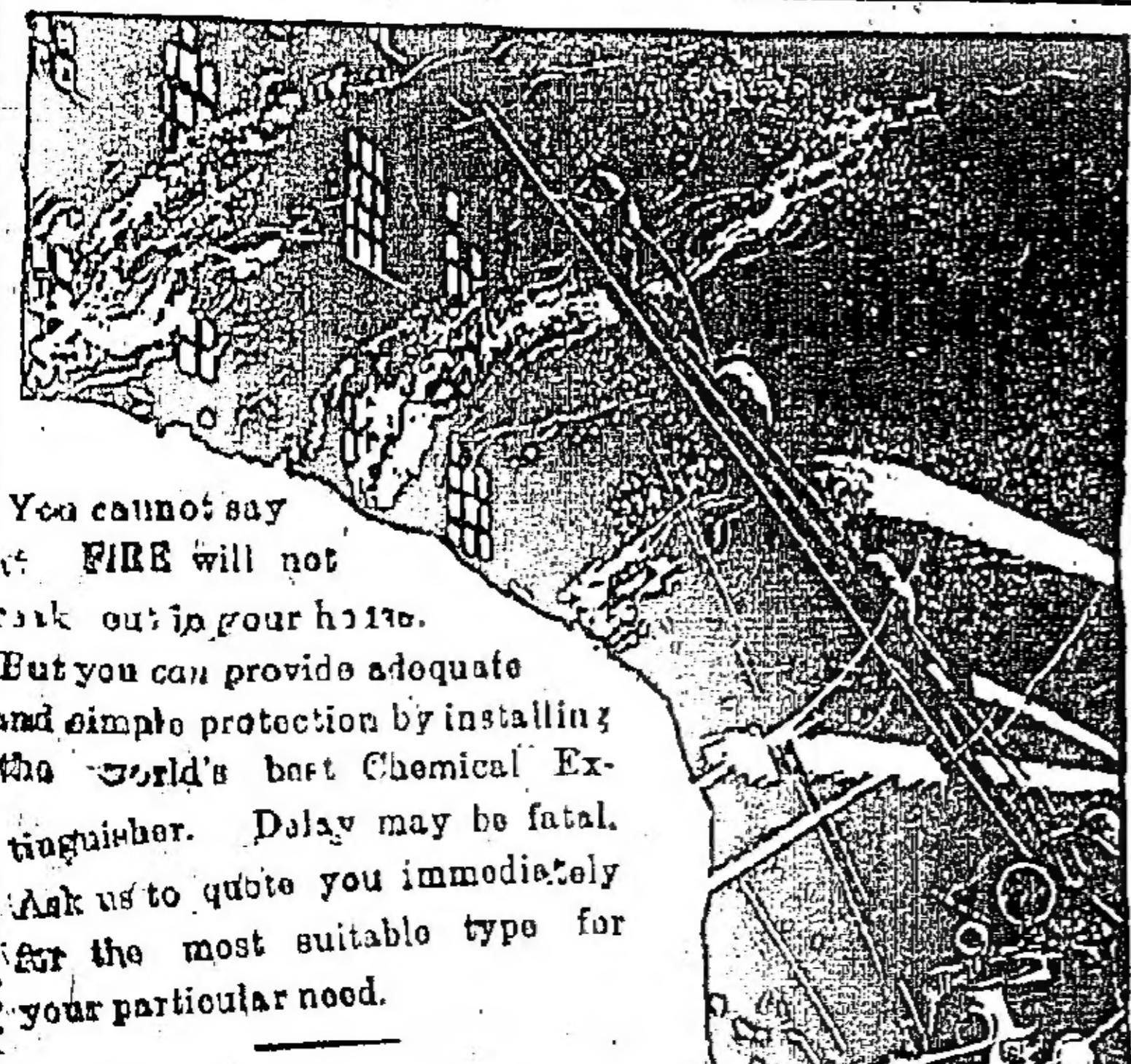
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